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Driftwood in storm-lashed Quezon turned to sculpture

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Sri Lanka's foreign minister assassinated by suspected Tamil rebels

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Kate says mom Goldie Hawn a doting grandma

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'Tito Judge' defends Davao's abused children

'Jueteng' buster bishop wants anonymity back

Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—Never in his wildest dreams did Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz expect to become a media celebrity.

Cruz, chair of Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, is looking forward to getting his anonymity back.

The bishop, who described himself as shy,

JUETENG/ A8

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Politically correct corpse lies in green cemetery

MILL VALLEY, Ca.—Let's take a moment to define a politically correct corpse.

Tommy Odom's remains lie on a steep wind-swept hill at Fernwood Cemetery, beneath an oak sapling, a piece of petrified wood and a bundle of dried sage tied with

POLITICALLY/ A8

LAMANG-LUPA NA AKO!

'It's a matter of survival'

Palace says record high oil prices now out of our control

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

WITH CRUDE oil prices gushing to higher peaks almost every day in the world market, Malacañang is dimming its lights and shutting off its air-conditioning system early.

Not only that. To further conserve energy, President Macapagal-Arroyo has suggested that, instead of taking their usual motorized rides to their destinations, Filipinos might just want to go around on bicycles.

Or, if the distance isn't too far, they could even walk.

"We are a appealing to the public to treat this energy crisis seriously because this is out of our control," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a transcript of a radio interview released by the Palace.

"Strict energy conservation is now a matter of national survival and we will be the first to bite the bullet," Bunye said separately in a statement

Bunye said that in line with Ms Arroyo's instructions, all government departments and agencies had begun implementing stringent energy conservation measures.

"The lights are being dimmed and cooling turned off early right here in the Palace," he said. "We aim to set the example not only in energy conservation but also in fiscal discipline.

Malacañang announced the urgent conservation measures as oil futures surpassed a record $67 a barrel in New York Friday, extending a startling rally fueled by massive global demand and production problems at strained refineries.

After reaching $67.10 a barrel, the New York contract for light sweet crude for delivery in September closed at $66.86, up $1.06 on Thursday's finish.

Ms Arroyo, in an interview with dzRH radio Friday night, ordered all agencies of the government to heed energy saving measures as laid out in Administrative Order No. 110 issued in October last year.

"All government bureaus and agencies should be at the forefront of energy conservation measures. This problem will not go away," she said.

AO 110 mandates all government agencies to:

IT'S A MATTER/ A21

RAFFY LERMA

THE WONDER IN OUR MIDST. Out there beyond the suffocating fumes of the pollution and politics of Metro Manila are places of refreshing serenity like the rice terraces of Banaue that from the valley up measure a thousand meters. (Only a portion is shown here in Batad, Banaue). A national treasure, the 2000-year-old terraces were proclaimed a world heritage site by Unesco. Though ancient, still the terraces remain evergreen from one generation to the next, a wonder to behold for all seasons, particularly in this our season of great discontent.

US expert: Anomalies, yes, but tape not spliced

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Blanche S. Rivera

THE AMERICAN forensic audio expert who examined portions of the "Hello, Garci" tape has denied saying that it had been spliced, and that it could not be used in the impeachment case against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

This was the report of RMN-dzXL radio based on an interview conducted by Don Lino Selle, its anchor in RMN New York, with the Texas-based expert Barry Dickey.

Dickey confirmed having said it was possible that not just one device was used to record the two tracks: "Yes, that's my report."

But he denied having said it was his opinion that the tape had been spliced or tampered with:

"Oh no. That's where I correct you. No, sir. I am not the one who reported that. It was the Filipino experts. I have nothing to do with that.

"You can get the report, and if my client will release that, nowhere in that report will you find that I said the tape is spliced."

Selle narrated his conversation with Dickey in his weekly program for overseas Filipino workers which aired at 10 a.m. yesterday in Manila.

Selle quoted Dickey as saying he had no political agenda and no knowledge of the Filipino language to make a judgment on whether the tape could be used as evidence in Ms Arroyo's impeachment case.

The INQUIRER called Audio-Video Evidence Lab, Dickey's company in Arlington, Texas, but no one answered, apparently because of the late hour.

The report by Dickey, a certified forensic expert on audio evidence who had analyzed the Osama bin Laden recordings, was cited by Environment Secretary Michael Defensor on Friday at a press conference, where he said the wiretapped recordings had been doctored to make it appear that Ms Arroyo was committing electoral fraud.

Defensor had further said the findings of Dickey and three Filipino sound engineers would kill the impeachment case now being tackled at the committee level in the House.

Selle said he and Dickey read the reports of the INQUIRER and The Manila Times on the Internet as they spoke on the phone for 45 minutes.

But he said Dickey refused to be taped, and so he just quoted the expert's answers to his questions.

This was Selle's account:

Dickey had initial reservations about talking with Selle but called back after

US EXPERT / A21

From shrine of peace to land of noble heroes

RAFFY LERMA

WITH "IRREPLACEABLE" mentor Cardinal Sin on his mind, and on a pedestal (foreground), Bishop Soc Villegas looks ahead to his mission.

By Gerry Lirio

THE LONGTIME protégé of the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin now has a cathedral of his own.

Bishop Socrates Villegas, 44, who served Sin for 19 years at the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, has finished restoring the Balanga Cathedral, otherwise known as the Church of St. Joseph, in Bataan.

Built by Spanish priests in 1,739, the cathedral was heavily damaged during World War II, for which it underwent repair.

Villegas embarked on the restoration drive early this year, in order to attract and serve the growing number of Catholics in the province.

"I'm really happy where I am now," the bishop said. "How I wish I was assigned here much earlier. But everything happens as part of God's plan. This is the time when God wants me to be in Bataan. So I'm here."

Villegas talked about the cathedral like a first-time father would talk about a child.

During the war, he said, its roof collapsed, and the altar as well as its walls and windows were damaged. Only the door at the front entrance withstood the bombing.

For the cathedral's old-new look, carpenters put up brick walls similar to those built during the Spanish era. They elevated the floor in view of the recurrent floods, using granite and Spanish marble tiles.

The old electrical wiring was replaced, and the lighting, sound system and ventilation improved. A choir loft was built.

Now the image of St. Joseph dominates the altar, as it did in olden times. To complete the picture, the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were installed.

Villegas blessed the innovations during a Mass celebrated last March 17, when the diocese marked its 30th anniversary. It was an SRO event at the 880-seat cathedral.

But Villegas, who left the sacred shrine of people power revolts at Edsa for this hallowed land of heroes, is not quite done.

He plans to put up a diocesan museum featuring the memorabilia, includ-

FROM SHRINE/ A8

RYAN LIM

WHO'S THIS MAN and how come he's on Page A1? His name is Datu Ahmad Bayam, chair of the Philippine Muslim Solidarity Council who, in fact, was all over media on Aug. 6 countering the testimony of "jueteng" star witness Michaelangelo Zuce. Which is rather curious. Find out why on Page A8.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western sections of Northern and Central Luzon will experience cloudy skies with occasional monsoon rains. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Tuguegarao	Monsoon Rains	Cebu	Partly Cloudy
Laoag	Monsoon Rains	Tacloban	Partly Cloudy
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Monsoon Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

Int'l group to probe Luisita clashes

By Luige A. del Puerto

ALARMED at human rights abuses in the Philippines, foreign advocates have arrived in the country and are visiting Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac today to look into the deaths of seven strikers during a bloody dispersal in 2004.

During their visit, the International Solidarity Mission will split into five groups and go to areas where human rights violations were said to be rampant, according to Carl Ala, information officer of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

The mission is composed of some 80 delegates from more than a dozen countries. They include clergymen, like Anglican priest Rev. Barry Naylor of the Church of England, educators and lawyers.

One member who has yet to arrive is Nobel Prize nominee for peace Irene Fernandez of Malaysia. Former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark begged off at the last minute.

"They're particularly concerned at what happened at Hacienda Luisita," Ala told the INQUIRER.

The labor unrest at the sugar estate owned by the family of former President Corazon Aquino heightened in November last year, when hundreds of workers struck. At least seven people were killed and a hundred others were hurt in clashes between workers and security forces.

A city councilor, Abelardo Ladera, and an Aglipayan priest, Fr. William Tadena, were also assassinated early this year. Both men had been sympathetic to the plight of the sugar workers.

The violent dispersal had prompted the military and the police to launch separate inquiries into what really happened at the estate.

In a phone interview, Naylor said he was surprised to learn about human rights abuses in the country, adding that there was scant coverage about the Philippines in England.

Luckily, he said, he can log on to Inq7.net, the website of the INQUIRER and the TV networks GMA 7, to get news updates about the country.

But he said that what he got on the Internet was hardly enough. He wanted to come to the Philippines to find out things for himself.

"Later, I hope to be able to speak with greater authority [about the subject] in the UK," he said.

Naylor said he also heard the testimony of Filipino women whose husbands were allegedly abducted by government forces and their ordeal had moved him deeply. He mentioned no specific cases.

The Anglican priest will specifically go to Mindanao for a Muslim-Christian dialogue next week.

Military spokesperson Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual said human rights issues were being taught regularly to the troops.

"We have lecturers from the Commission on Human Rights, and we are closely cooperating with the commission," he said.

The military sees accusations of human rights abuses against the Armed Forces as part of the strategy of the communist movement to "neutralize" the military, Pascual said.

He said the Communist Party of the Philippines was using its legal fronts to hit the military in this way.

Other members of the mission are from such places as Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and New Zealand. They will be joined by Filipino advocates in their visits to Tarlac, Mindoro, Surigao and Eastern Visayas, according to Ala.

The group had wanted to go to Sulu, where fighting occurs intermittently between government troops and rebel soldiers, but may cancel the trip for security reasons, organizers said.

MILF: Blast suspects not Abu members

By Jeoffrey Maitem, Julie S. Alipala, Anthony S. Allada and Judy Quiros
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday expressed doubts over the military and the police's claims that the three arrested suspects in Wednesday's bombings in Zamboanga City were Abu Sayyaf members.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, told the INQUIRER that Adzmar Abduraop, 33; Angon Asmari, 32, and Ibnoyatim Salangin, 31, were not on the list of terrorists submitted earlier by the MILF to the government.

"I doubt their involvement in the Abu Sayyaf group," Kabalu said.

He said the MILF was calling on the military and the police to conduct a deeper probe into the explosions, which wounded about 30 people.

"We don't want them included in the list of innocent Muslims (arrested)," Kabalu said.

Earlier, Zamboanga City Mayor Celso Lobregat said the police were positive about the identities of the suspects.

Lobregat said the suspects admitted that the bandit group was planning to launch more attacks.

On Saturday, authorities ordered heightened alert at air and sea ports in Manila and key cities amid reports of possible suicide attacks by Indonesian militants.

Manila, Cebu City and the southern hubs of Davao and Zamboanga, which could be likely targets, are under particular watch, said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, who also heads the country's antiterrorist task force.

Malls, theaters, bus stations and other public installations in these cities have been briefed about possible attacks, Ermita said.

"We have ordered the Coast Guard, the Aviation Security Command, the police and the Armed Forces to closely watch characters, groups where these terrorist threats are coming from," Ermita said in a radio interview. "We have stepped up our security."

"Our intelligence units are monitoring very, very closely the movement of terrorist elements," Ermita told AFP, declining to give specific details, citing security concerns.

National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales last week said that up to 10 members of the Indonesia-based Jemaaah Islamiyah were plotting to carry out suicide bombings in the country.

Ermita said intelligence units in Mindanao were tracking down 10 Indonesian JI militants reportedly being aided by the Abu Sayyaf in scouting targets.

"We don't want a repeat of what happened in Makati several months ago," Ermita said, referring to the simultaneous Valentine's Day bomb attacks by the Abu Sayyaf on Manila's financial district and Davao and General Santos cities. Six people died and dozens were wounded.

The Davao City Police Office has doubled efforts to foil the alleged plan of terrorists to spoil the city's celebration of the annual Kadayawan Festival which kicks off Monday.

DCPO director Senior Supt. Catalino Cuy said they have formed a crack team to monitor the movements of Abu Sayyaf members believed to now be in the city.

"There is a great possibility that the intelligence reports about Abu Sayyaf members in the city are true. That's why we are taking this seriously," Cuy said.

With a report from Luige A. del Puerto, AFP

Suspected Indonesian terrorist's body found

CAMP SIONGCO, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao—The remains of a suspected Indonesian terrorist who was on the military's watchlist have been unearthed in Maguindanao, the military reported Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said Omar Patik's skeletal remains were dug up by soldiers in Sitio Tinungos in Datu Odin Sinsuat town on Aug. 11.

He said Patik, a member of the Jemaah Islamiyah, was killed during one of several clashes in Maguindanao triggered by the manhunt for Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani and Isnilon Hapilon.

Dema-ala said Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels provided information on the location and identity of the Indonesian's body.

"We will bring his (Patik's) remains to Manila for DNA examination," Dema-ala said.

He said he would also recommend to top military officials in Manila to tap Indonesian experts who could help establish if the remains were really that of Patik, also known as Mike.

Dema-ala said that based on reports from MILF commanders and members in the area, Patik died along with a certain Edriz, reportedly a brother-in-law of Janjalani. *Edwin O. Fernandez, Charlie Señase and Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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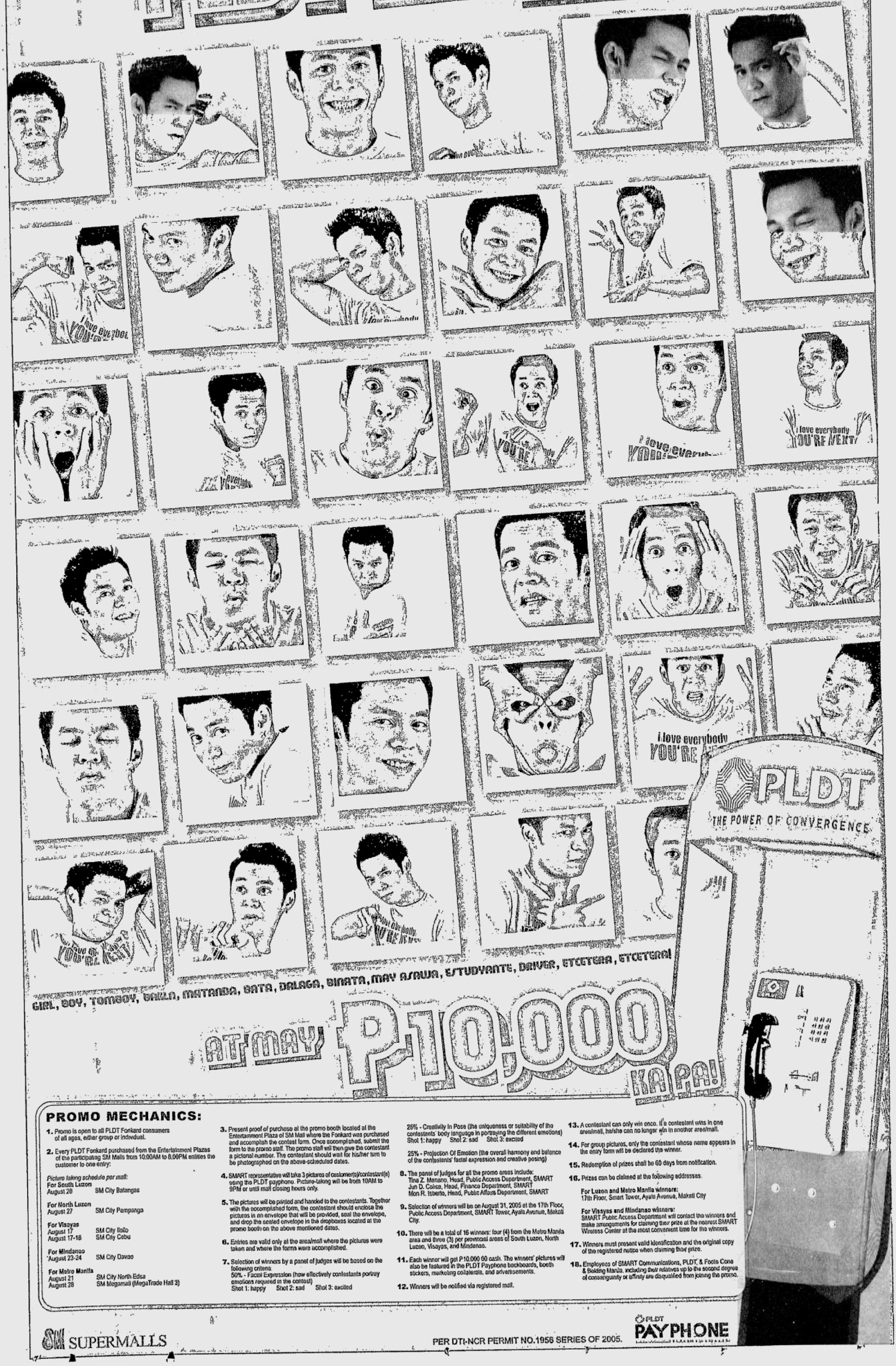

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For Mindanao	
August 23-24	SM City Davao
For Metro Manila	
August 21	SM City North Edsa
August 28	SM Megamall (MegaTrade Hall 3)

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PLDT PAYPHONE

Break from 'jueteng' welcome relief to senators

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE "JUETENG" hearings in the Senate must have been taxing the patience of the senators such that the decision to suspend the inquiry was a welcome respite for most of them.

The hearings which started May 30 had lately been marred by brickbats thrown by some administration and opposition senators at each other as they argue whether to continue or stop the hearings.

Witnesses summoned to the hearings had implicated President Macapagal-Arroyo and her family in jueteng and electoral fraud.

Administration Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago and "independent" opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, who want the inquiry terminated, chided opposition senators and even the chairs of the committees conducting the hearings for allowing "irrelevant" witnesses to testify.

Senators Manuel Villar and Manuel Lapid co-chair the inquiry as heads, respectively, of the committees on public order and illegal drugs and games and amusement.

Villar had acknowledged the effect of the hearings on unity.

Lapid at the Senate expressed his preference for ending the probe but deferred to Villar.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and Sen. Panfilo Lacson want the hearings to continue.

Pimentel said "some forces" were opposing the minority's request to call suspected gambling lords Armand Sanchez the governor of Batangas, and Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda and his wife Lilia, in an apparent attempt to coverup the involvement of the President in jueteng.

He said the hearings should not be terminated until Sanchez and the Pinedas had appeared.

"The problem with the jueteng hearings is that some senators are overly eager to act as investigators. Why did they run for senator? They should have just applied to become investigators," Santiago blurted out without naming the subjects of her displeasure.

She said opposition senators were leading the witnesses to make statements linking the President and her family to jueteng, instead of discussing the matter at hand which is to legislate the illegal numbers game.

"If they want to punish the President for her supposed shadowy connection to jueteng, they should do that in the proper forum," she said.

Santiago accused the opposition of violating the ruling of the Supreme Court in Bengzon versus the Blue Ribbon Committee, noting that in the Bengzon case, the high court limited the broad powers of Congress to investigate issues in aid of legislation to protect the interest of individuals.

"The Supreme Court said you cannot perform the function of a judge by trying the case or the function of the executive [branch] by acting as an investigator," she said.

Enrile was equally adamant about putting an end to the jueteng hearings even if it muddled his stance an as opposition senator.

"We are being used as a forum for the vilification of people who cannot defend themselves in that forum," Enrile said.

Metrobank names RP's 10 top teachers for 2005

TEN TEACHERS—two from higher education and four each from the elementary and secondary levels—are this year's winners of the Metrobank Foundation Search for Outstanding Teachers, foundation executive vice president and executive director Aniceto M. Sobrepeña has announced.

They won for their outstanding contributions to the teaching profession, personal integrity and character, instructional competence, and professional and community involvement.

The awardees in the elementary level were Amelia C. Castañeda of Sto. Cristo Elementary School in Tarlac City; Vilma C. Cabrera of Ilagan South Central School in Ilagan, Isabela; Julia R. Capulong of Padre Mariano Gomez Elementary School in Sta. Cruz, Manila, and Menia S. Alvidera of President Manuel Roxas Memorial School South in Roxas City.

In the secondary level, the winners were Maylani L. Galicia of Ligao National High School in Ligao City; Diana S. Aure of the University of the Philippines High School in Iloilo, Iloilo City; Janet S. Amurao of Marikina Science High School in Marikina City, and Elnora T. Ordedor of Dapa National High School in Dapa, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte.

In the higher education level, they were Rafael C. Bundoc of the University of the Philippines-Manila and Manuel C. Belino of De La Salle University in Manila.

The 10 awardees will be presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang on Aug. 30 where they will each receive a gold medallion.

Each outstanding teacher will also receive a trophy and a cash prize of P200,000. The awarding ceremonies will be held on Sept. 2 at the Metrobank Plaza auditorium, which will serve as the highlight of Metrobank's 43rd anniversary celebration.

The board of judges was chaired by Sen. Francis N. Pangilinan with Supreme Court Associate Justice Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez as vice chair. The other members of the board of judges were Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. of the first district of Camarines Sur, Mayor Jerry P. Treñas of Iloilo City, Ambassador Peter Beckingham of the United Kingdom, Jose Maria A. Mariano, president of the University of Asia and the Pacific; Jarius Y. Bondoc, columnist and broadcaster, and Milwida M. Guevara, president of Synergeia Foundation.

UNDERSTANDING LEARNING ROGER MARGALLO

Dr. Mel Levine (left), co-founder and co-chair of All Kinds of Minds, a non-profit institute dedicated to the understanding of differences in learning is in town to hold a seminar at the Every Nation Leadership Institute in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Levine and his wife Bambi (center) were met by Maricar Gustilo-De Ocampo, an education expert. A professor of pediatrics at the University of North Carolina Medical School and director of UNC's Clinical Center for Study, Development and Learning, Dr. Levine advocates teachers being a community's frontline experts on mind development and learning.

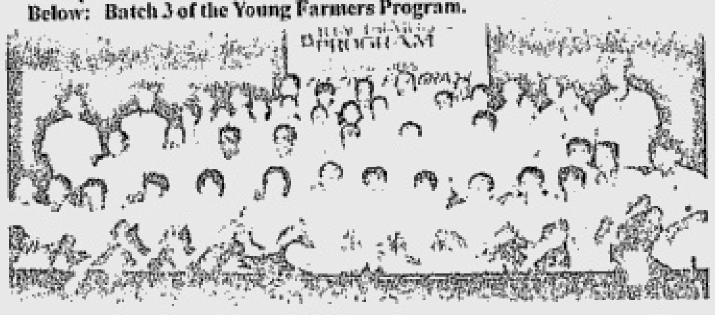
Fr. Ceresko, Bible scholar; 62

FR. ANTHONY Raymond Ceresko, OSFS, an internationally known exegete and Bible scholar, died of complications from severe pneumonia on Aug. 13 at the University Medical Center in Dasmariñas City. He was 62.

Fr. Ceresko, who was from Michigan, USA, was for many years professor of Sacred Scripture and Biblical languages at the Divine Word Seminary. Prior to coming to the Philippines, he had taught in Toronto, Canada, and Bangalore, India. He was a founding member of the Catholic Biblical Association of the Philippines, the organization of Filipino Biblical scholars. He was a prolific writer who wrote a number of books and articles on Hebrew poetry, the Psalms and the Wisdom Writings that became required reading in Philippine seminaries and schools of theology. His writings include Introduction to the Old Testament: A Liberation Perspective; Introduction to the Old Testament Wisdom: A Spirituality for Liberation and Prophets, and Proverbs: More Studies in Old Testament Poetry and Biblical Religion.

His body lies in the SVD Chapel at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay City. A Mass will be offered by members and friends of the CBAP today at 10 a.m. at the chapel. Another Mass will be offered, also at the chapel, tomorrow at 9 a.m. before his body is flown to the United States.

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. with NAFC Executive Director Mamerto E. Ellorin and Ms. Celeste Cortez of ATI congratulating Young Farmer Entrepreneur Victor Mendoza of Bulacan engaged in Tilapia Production. Below: Batch 3 of the Young Farmers Program.



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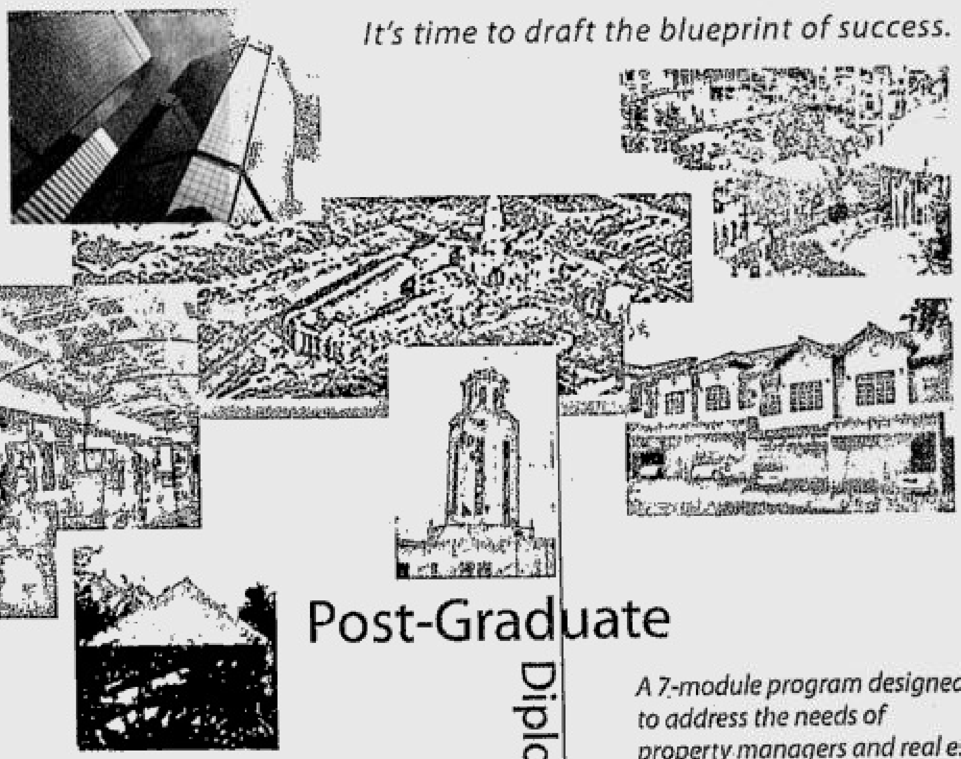

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Pinoys, other Asians sorry to leave Gaza Strip

NETZARIM, Gaza Strip – Like the Jewish settlers who employ him, Filipino farm worker John Abrazaldo wants to stay in the occupied Gaza Strip – where he earns nearly four times as much as he could back home.

But unlike the Israelis, Abrazaldo was packing up on Friday in the isolated enclave of Netzarim ahead of the evacuation of settlements, starting next week, under Israel's plan for "disengagement" from conflict with the Palestinians.

"I want to stay. We are happy to stay although we are sometimes afraid," said Abrazaldo, 28, from a small town on the Philippine island of Luzon.

"The Arabs send missiles over here and we have to run to the shelter," he said, gesturing to a large concrete bomb shelter near the shipping containers where he and 15 other Filipino, Thai and Nepali workers have lived, some for up to three years.

Many Asians were brought in after the start of the Palestinian uprising in 2000, when Israeli closures ruled out the use of cheap labor living within walking distance.

Abrazaldo's group earned 91 shekels ($20) a day each, almost four times what he could hope to earn in the Philippines, he said.

"They treat us like human beings, not as workers," he said of the settlers, who say the land is a biblical birthright and have vowed to resist removal, due to start on Aug. 17. Rightists also say the pullout would reward Palestinian attacks.

Asians have played a key role in the farming greenhouses that dot some of the 21 Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip, growing tomatoes, mangoes and other produce.

Their presence, especially in Netzarim, underscores the risks Asian workers will take to earn more money. Thousands of Asians from the Philippines, India and Nepal still work in Iraq despite the danger.

Netzarim itself is an isolated religious and ultra-nationalist enclave that has often been attacked by militant Palestinians.

A dusty road that leads to the settlement nearly splits the Gaza Strip in half, and the bus that uses it has bullet-proof windows. Israeli armored personnel carriers have positions on sand dunes along the road.

Most of the eight Thai laborers left on Friday.

"Netzarim is finished. The owners are closing up and have decided to go. I will be sad to leave," said Tazan Khommaneekorn, 29, from Bangkok.

Tina Jurado, 35, from Manila, said her wage helped support her 10-year-old daughter back home. Despite the impending evacuation, she and three Nepali women were still tending young tomato plants in a sweltering greenhouse.

"I love the work, we have a place to sleep, but we don't know when the next bomb will land," she said.

Jurado said she might go to Tel Aviv to look for other work.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said Israel must part with Gaza, where 8,500 settlers live sealed off from 1.4 million Palestinians, for the Jewish state's own security.

Palestinians will be happy to see the back of the settlers, but fear the pullout is a ruse for Israel to strengthen its hold on settlements in the occupied West Bank.

The Asian workers had formed a bond toiling in the baking greenhouses. The Thais spoke to the Filipinos in Hebrew, the Filipinos to the Nepalis in English.

In the aftermath of a farewell party for the Thai workers on Thursday night, empty vodka bottles lay on the dusty ground.

Abrazaldo rubbed his head ruefully to show it had been a long night. *Reuters*

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Mosquitoes scourge of California as well

By Percy D. Della
Contributor

SACRAMENTO – Mosquitoes, the scourge of waterlogged countries like the Philippines, are also causing widespread public fear in California, especially in the state's capital.

While Philippine health officials are scrambling to prevent the spread of dengue fever, their counterparts in Sacramento County took to the air again Thursday night continuing the area's first aerial spraying to kill mosquitoes and try to contain the West Nile virus (WNV).

WNV is a disease transmitted to humans, birds, horses and other animals by infected mosquitoes. WNV can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in humans. Most infections are mild with flu-like symptoms. Severe infections result in paralysis, coma and death.

The aerial assault intensified amid a public outcry as the first Northern California death from the virus was reported Thursday in San Joaquin County. The fatality, the fourth in the state this year, was confirmed as Sacramento County health officials recorded 10 new West Nile cases, increasing the county's tally to 36.

The rising number of cases makes it even clearer that aerial spraying "has been the right decision," said Dr. Glennah Trochet, county public health officer in a televised interview.

First detected in New York, West Nile has reached the West.

In California, it struck the southern part of the state first. The state Department of Health Services reported 830 human cases and 27 deaths last year. Most of the deaths occurred in Southern California.

The disease moved north as summer approached. The Health Services Web site said there were 118 confirmed human cases in Northern California as of Tuesday. An unusually wet winter and a healthy snow melt from the Sierras exacerbated the trend.

The aerial spraying became more controversial on its fourth night Thursday, when the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control district trained its sights southward to spray over homes, parks and shops from downtown Sacramento to new bedroom communities in Elk Grove.

After spraying 55,000 acres in the northern county, mosquito control people said the fine mist of pesticide has killed 70 percent of adult mosquitoes in the target areas.

Another three days of spraying up to 66,000 acres in the southern county will end the flights, the officials said.

But the aerial sorties have come under attack from residents who voiced a common grievance: That officials tried to sneak the spraying past the public.

Mosquito officials said spraying chemicals from a high altitude had proved effective and harmless in New York and Florida.

Still, the public outcry is expected to increase, since officials urged the people to stay indoors as a precaution Friday and Saturday – peak time for art lovers, outdoor diners and others enjoying the weekend.

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ENVOY IS WOMEN'S GUEST
British Ambassador Peter Beckingham (third from left) inducts the officers of the All-Nations Women's Club of the YWCA, from left, Lyn Motohasi, recording secretary; Merceditas Posadas, president; Victoria Montilla, board member; Villa Granada de Guia, PRO; Cristina Caedo, vice president; Aurora Arnaez, Ellen Gonzales and Ludivina Villarica, board members, and Valentia Nebogatove, honorary director. The induction and the 58th anniversary celebration of the club were held recently at the Manila Polo Club.

Forum on RP wildlife set

HARIBON Foundation will focus on the Philippines' rich wildlife resources in its monthly Haribon Forum set on Aug. 18, 6 p.m., at the Meralco Mini-Theater, Lopez Building, Ortigas Ave., Pasig City.

The forum titled "Ang Paraisong Pinaka…" is expected to raise public awareness on the plight of the Philippine environment, an endangered paradise, said Anabelle Plantilla, executive director of the country's prime environmental organization.

"Our forests, seas, rivers, caves and other habitats are home to riches and wonders beyond compare. The biggest eagle, flower and fish and the smallest raptor can all be found here, and we are privileged to have this wealth living among us," said Plantilla.

"But our natural heritage, rich as it may be, is being degraded and destroyed. Beyond political intrigues and maneuverings, the loss of our real wealth is something we should be alarmed about," she added.

The Haribon Forum, which tackles important biodiversity concerns, is free of charge and open to the public. It is held every third Thursday of the month.

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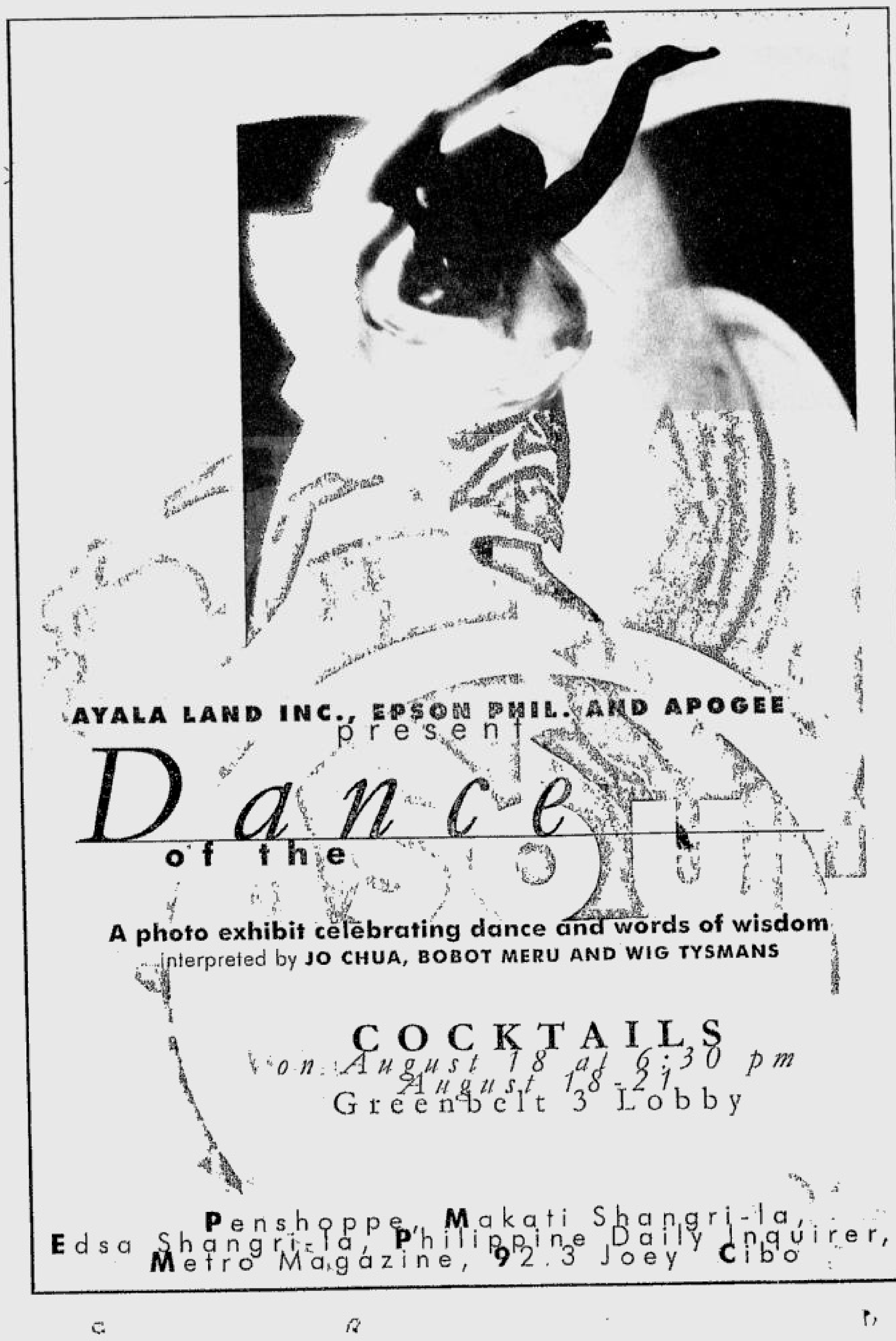
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World urged to help young people

CYCLISTS inaugurate Benedict Way, a 224-km long road for cyclists, on Aug. 11 in Altoetting, southern Germany. The way is named after Pope Benedict XVI who will visit his native country during World Youth Day taking place in Cologne from Aug. 16 to 21. AFP

UNITED NATIONS – On International Youth Day, a senior UN official urged world leaders to provide a better future for 500 million young people living in extreme poverty, millions of pregnant child brides and 15 million AIDS orphans.

"Clearly, the priorities must change," said Thoraya Obaid, head of the UN Population Fund, in a message Friday. "It is time to make the well-being and inclusion of young people a top priority."

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan noted that nearly 3 billion people in the world today were under the age of 25 – almost half the world's population with more than half a billion of them living on less than $2 a day.

More than 100 million school-aged children don't go to school – and every day, almost 30,000 children die of poverty and 7,000 young people become infected with HIV/AIDS, he said.

Obaid, Annan and young people themselves used International Youth Day to appeal to world leaders to take action at a UN summit in mid-September to meet UN development goals and improve life in the 21st century. The goals include cutting extreme poverty by half, ensuring universal primary education and stemming the AIDS pandemic – all by 2015.

"All over the world, young people are chasing the dream – the dream for a better life, for peace, for equality, for justice, employment, for freedom," Obaid said.

"All young people have a right to opportunity, education and health, including reproductive health," she said. "This is urgent because half of all new HIV infections are among young people and far too many young women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth."

Annan said the summit offers "a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address some of the most pressing challenges of our era."

He urged young people to make their voices heard – and not to accept "a world where others die of hunger, remain illiterate and lack human dignity."

At UN headquarters, Annan and his wife, Nane, attended the opening Friday night of a photo exhibit titled "Chasing the Dream: Youth Faces of the Millennium Development Goals."

It focuses on the life stories, dreams and photos taken by eight young people from around the world, identified only by their first names.

At a news conference, 19-year-old Urideia from Sao Paolo, Brazil, described how she was left by her mother, rejected by her father and raised by her grandmother. Although she had good grades, she was rejected for college because she lived in a "favela" or slum, but with help from a voluntary organization she now hopes to continue her education.

So does 19-year-old Jason from Kingston, Jamaica, who said he stood on a cliff and contemplated suicide when he found out at the age of 17 that he was HIV positive. He said a man saved him saying there would always be someone to help, and he now goes to schools to tell his story and urge young people to practice safe sex.

The United Nations said Youth Day observances were also being held in the Philippines, Egypt, Ghana, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda. *AP*

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Politically correct corpse lies in green cemetery

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When he died in a traffic accident last year, Odom, 41, became the first of 40 people at Fernwood to move on to greener pastures—literally. He is buried unembalmed in a biodegradable pine coffin painted with daisies and rainbows, his soul marked by prairie grasses instead of a granite colossus.

Land conservation

In the green scheme of things, death becomes a vehicle for land conservation and saving the planet. "It is not enough to be a corpse anymore," said Thomas Lynch, an author, poet and Michigan funeral director. "Now, you have to be a politically correct corpse."

At Fernwood, where ancestral redwood forests and quivering wildflower meadows replace fountains and manicured lawns, graves are not merely graves. They are ecosystems in which "each person is replanted, becoming a little seed bank," said Tyler Cassity, a 35-year-old entrepreneur who reopened the long-moldering cemetery last fall.

With Odom's burial, a free-spirited affair likened to the musical "Hair," Cassity became an impresario in a fledgling movement that originated in England.

'Green concept'

Fernwood, which has designated about half its acres "green," attempts to make death palatable to baby boomers and to simplify an inevitable aspect of life dominated by "the black suits" in America's roughly $15 billion funeral industry. In the United States, the "green" concept is now in use at a handful of cemeteries, compared with about 140 woodland cemeteries in England.

But just what is a politically correct corpse is an increasingly contentious issue. In recent months, there has been a struggle for the soul of the emerging industry between Cassity, an *enfant terrible* of the funeral industry, who has made a fortune producing digitized biographies of the dead, and Billy Campbell, who pioneered the movement in the United States and was once a consultant to Fernwood.

Frustrated that embalming was continuing in some areas of the cemetery and that inappropriate trees were being planted, among other practices, Campbell left to form a nonprofit consulting firm in Marin County. The new program is dedicated to land conservation and ethical burial, promoting "little boutique cemeteries with a social justice component," in the words of Joe Sehee, a 44-year-old former lay Jesuit minister, journalist and public relations and marketing consultant, who is Campbell's partner.

Something different

Campbell and Cassity are vying for the 4.1 million baby boomers who are expected to die by 2040. The generation that wrote their own wedding vows and opted for natural childbirth is expected to look for something different in death.

"There is a huge generation of people entering accelerated mortality who grew up with the first Earth Day," said Campbell, who was inspired to start his eco-cemetery after he was left cold by the prepackaged funeral of his father. "People are ready for something more meaningful." *New York Times News Service*

GOTCHA!

Same man singing a different tune. On April 30, 2005, Datu Ahmad Bayam (second from left), formerly a special assistant in the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs, attended the press conference of the members of the Coalition for National Salvation and linked arms with its leader Fortunato Abat (second from right), who's demanding the resignation of Ms Arroyo. Again on July 9, he asked that the President resign at a press con saying, "If she will not resign, I will fast-track hostilities in Mindanao. Madam, we beg you to be bold enough to step down." Bayam was a chief propagandist and spokesperson of the MNLF before he turned himself in in 1988.

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From shrine of peace to land of noble heroes

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ing the baptismal records, of Bataan's famous national heroes, such as Tomas Pinpin and Cayetano Arellano.

He will also put up a modest burial place for Bataan's bishops, the cathedral being the seat of the diocese.

"In a way, God has prepared me for this," Villegas said. "The Edsa Shrine is a center established because of a peaceful revolution. And Bataan is a place where a war was fought and heroes were born from that war. So from the shrine of peace that is the Edsa Shrine, I have moved to a province of peace, which is Bataan."

Like adoption

Villegas was appointed bishop of Balanga only last year, its third since it became a diocese in 1979.

"When Rome appoints a new bishop, it gets the profile of the diocese and the profile of the bishop. And then Rome matches those qualities with the diocese," he said, adding:

"It's like adoption. You look at the qualities of the child, then of the parents, even the genetic makeup, and then you match. In that sense, seeing the apostolic areas [of Bataan] is a dream come true."

Villegas said he had been enjoying himself and the people of Bataan. But his lifestyle has changed a bit: He now enjoys eating farm-fresh vegetables and fruits, as well as sea food (including boiled shark).

There's plenty of clean air and good news, he said. He does not miss the Ortigas Center.

Across from the cathedral are Jollibee and McDonald's outlets, and the Balanga town plaza, which hosts the Center Plaza Mall and Balanga Plaza Arcade, providing more than a person's basic needs.

"In a way I was surprised when I first came here, but I was very happy," he said. "Happily surprised—you can put it that way. Here in the province, you see religiosity in its purity. Not corrupted by culture, by commercialism, by sex and pleasure in the media."

BUILT in 1739 by Spanish friars, the cathedral named after St. Joseph in Balanga, Bataan, is well on its way to being restored, thanks to Bishop Soc Villegas who has the full support of some big names in business and politics who are true believers in the young, dynamic bishop and his purpose-driven apostolate. RAFFY LERMA

Big names

To raise the P5 million required for the cathedral's restoration, big names in politics and entertainment, including supporters of President Macapagal-Arroyo and former President Joseph Estrada, chipped in with cash or services.

Among them were then Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, former Interior Secretary Jose Lina, presidential legal adviser Merceditas Gutierrez, and Estrada's man in Subic, former Bataan Rep. Felicito Payumo.

On July 26, Gutierrez gathered Reyes, Fernando and Lina, also known as the "Three Tenors" for a benefit concert at the Manila Hotel.

Asia's Queen of Song Pilita Corrales, singers Jamie Rivera and Bituin Escalante, the young congressmen known as the "Spice Boys," the singing priests of Bataan, and Orani Mayor Efren Pascual each rendered a song or two.

Payumo and his daughter, Alexis, a student at Assumption High School, joined the concert with a rendition of Tony Bennett's "The Way You Look Tonight."

Before the show, an excited Payumo told the INQUIRER: "I ran three times for a congressional district in Bataan, but I never sang during the campaign. But here I am. I am going to sing for the Balanga Cathedral."

Maturity for mission

Come October, Villegas will celebrate his 20 years in the priesthood with a Mass at the cathedral.

Somehow, having a cathedral of one's own means he has achieved a level of maturity that his mentor, Cardinal Sin, would have been proud of, he says.

"I won't call it independence [from my spiritual mentors]," Villegas says. "Maybe we look at it as maturity for mission. It's like you have reached a certain maturity that makes you ready to take on other missions for the Church."

He declined to be compared with Sin, saying the cardinal who died on June 21 was "irreplaceable."

"I believe it's the dream of every bishop and priest to somehow imitate his fine example—combining love of God and love of country. I cannot hope to achieve what he has achieved because he was one of a kind," Villegas said.

'Jueteng' buster bishop wants anonymity back

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had brought jueteng and its inextricable links to politics back into the arena of public discussion since last May.

Cruz said the Senate hearings had served their purpose as the "people have become aware of the real evil brought by jueteng, of the brotherhood between payola and elections, and that patronizing jueteng is spreading socio-political corruption."

Still, this is not the end of the game for Cruz and his crusade. He said the fight against jueteng would be waged with more vigilance in the coming days.

"We will sustain the crusade but there will be less limelight," he said.

The Krusada, the bishop said, would strengthen its 62 chapters in the country and would coordinate the activities of the chapter heads—most of them priests, nuns and lay people.

He said he was inspired to strengthen the Krusada because of the many expressions of support he had received and the "lessons" he learned from the recent jueteng exposés.

People of good will

Cruz said he was surprised to discover that many people in the country still had a sound value system.

"I also learned that some senators are people of good will—like Sen. Manuel Villar (co-chair of the Senate inquiry into the illegal numbers game). [I learned] that many people follow the Senate hearing and that jueteng and other illegal games can be stopped," Cruz said.

The bishop said he also learned that "when you fight evil, evil fights back."

"*Feel na feel ko yan* (I truly felt that)," he said.

He became a media staple when he started attending some of the eight Senate hearings thus far on the illegal numbers game where he presented his own witnesses who explained how jueteng money had corrupted local officials, including relatives of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He personally screened all the witnesses and provided for their board, lodging and security.

Cruz credited media with being "supportive and affirmative in many ways" in the coverage of the Senate hearings on jueteng and on his advocacy to stop illegal gambling in the country.

He said "majority of them (journalists) are upright men and women."

But because of media, he has lost his anonymity. Now, he can no longer eat in restaurants or walk down streets or go to malls without people gawking at him, approaching him and kissing his ring, Cruz told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview yesterday.

However, he said he did "not mind" the attention because it meant that the fight against jueteng was reaching the common people and that they were sympathetic to the campaign to rid the country of illegal gambling.

"Basically, I'm a shy person and I want to maintain a low profile. But I had to be on the side of the antijueteng witnesses to give [them] moral support," he said.

Cruz said he was hopeful that he could still disappear from the scene without people noticing.

"This [attention] will taper in a couple of months, I hope," he said.

"I'm sure we have disturbed some people. I have been receiving a lot of hate letters which I think come from the same people. [This is because] the typewriter and computer fonts, the style of writing, even [the use of] some phrases are similar," Cruz said.

Worth disturbing

The bishop, however, said he was not worried if he had bothered people involved in running and protecting jueteng operations in the country.

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The state pension fund is expecting a high turnout of e-Card applicants on Monday, the last day to apply for the cards in 18 enrollment centers all over the country.

The past week alone, the GSIS noted a surge in applications as about 6,000 members filed their requests at various e-Card centers.

Two weeks ago, the GSIS announced it would close 18 e-Card sites after receiving reports that about 90 percent of the 1.3 million members had already secured their e-Cards.

As a result, the volume of applications had significantly waned. In some instances, e-Card centers – which are usually manned by at least 20 personnel – reported days when the number of applicants went down to as low as five.

Garcia said the GSIS would come up with a new e-Card distribution procedure that would be more cost-efficient to the agency.

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Sunday, August 14, 2005
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Isaiah 56:1,6-7**

Foreigners are no longer strangers

Thus says Yahweh: Maintain what is right and do what is just, for my salvation is close at hand, my justice is soon to come.

Yahweh says to the foreigners who join him, serving him and loving his name, keeping his sabbath unprofaned and remaining faithful to his covenant:

I will bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. I will accept on my altar their burnt offerings and sacrifices, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations.

2nd Reading: **Romans 11:13-15,29-32**

God's mercy extends to all

Brothers and sisters, Listen to me, you who are not Jews: I am spending myself as an apostle to the pagan nations, but I hope my ministry will be successful enough to awaken the jealousy of those of my race, and finally to save some of them. If the world made peace with God when they remained apart, what will it be when they are welcomed? Nothing less than a passing from death to life. The call of God and his gift cannot be nullified.

Through the rebellion of the Jews the mercy of God came to you who did not obey God. They in turn will receive mercy in due time after this rebellion that brought God's mercy to you. So God has submitted all to disobedience, in order to show his mercy to all.

Gospel: **Matthew 15:21-28**

There is room for pagans in the Father's house

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Now a Canaanite woman came from those borders and began to cry out, "Lord, Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her, not even a word. So his disciples approached him and said, "Send her away: see how she is shouting after us."

Then Jesus said to her, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the nation of Israel."

But the woman was already kneeling before Jesus and said, "Sir, help me!" Jesus answered, "It is not right to take the bread from the children and throw it to the little dogs." The woman replied, "It is true, sir, but even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said, "Woman, how great is your faith! Let it be as you wish." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Commentary

This is a benchmark in Matthew's gospel—Jesus has turned away from his own people, from Israel and its leaders, all of whom are rejecting him and the call to the good news to the poor, and the cross. He leaves and in gentile territory is hounded by a Canaanite woman crying out in distress, desperate for her daughter's healing. Jesus doesn't initially respond and his disciples are cold-hearted. He has come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, not the dogs of other countries who do not even believe in Yahweh. But she is persistent and sharp, saying in humility she'll take what the sheep, the children have thrown under the table for the dogs. Jesus is taken aback—this is faith unlike any in Israel. Her daughter is healed and Jesus is sent to a larger horizon—to bring the good news to the whole world. What a gift she gave him as he gifted her. This is what we are all called to do: to fill up what is lacking in one another by the power of the Spirit of God.

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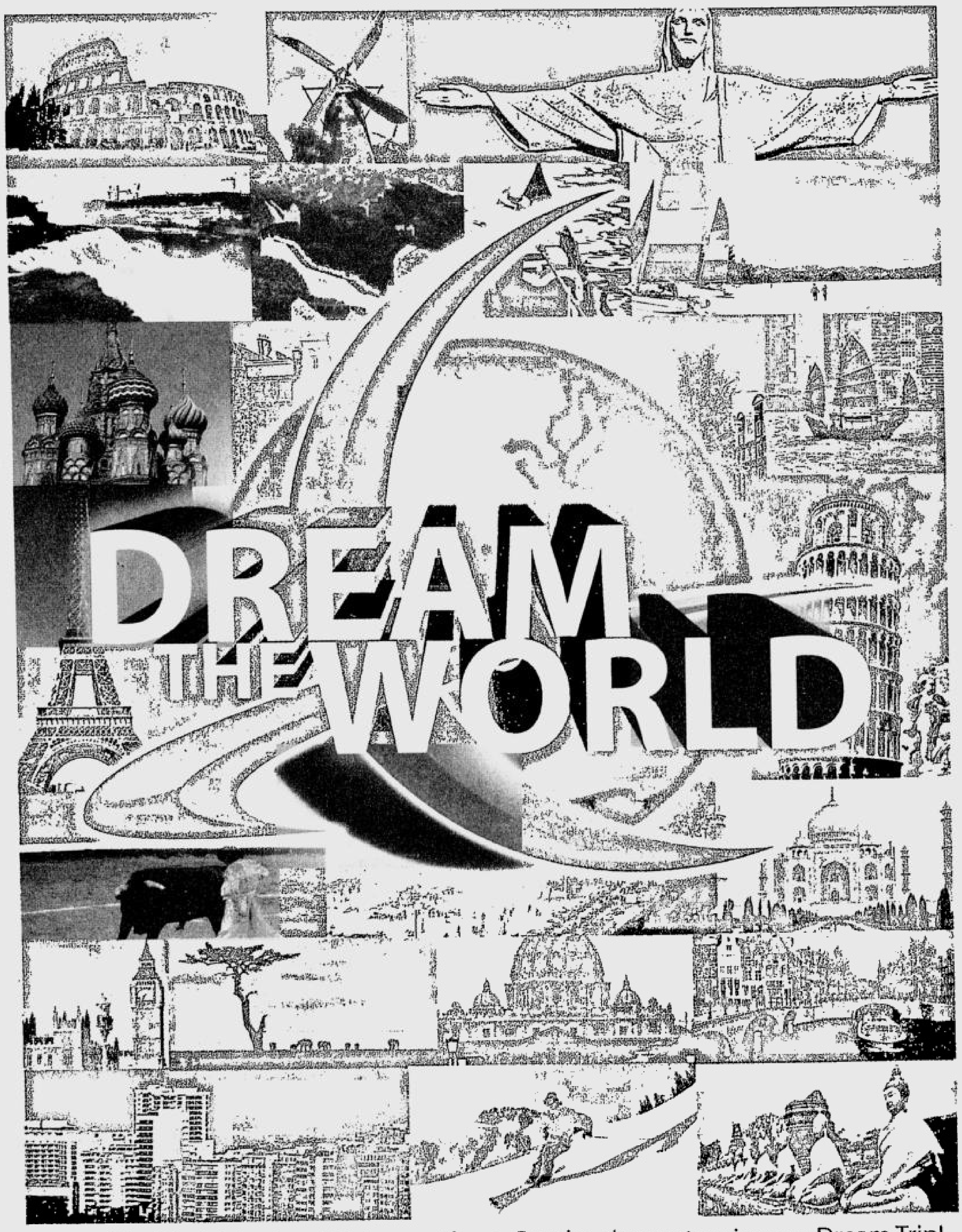

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The WORLD

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Sri Lanka's foreign minister assassinated

COLOMBO—Sri Lanka declared a state of emergency Saturday after the assassination of Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar by suspected Tamil Tiger rebels that further clouded the nation's shaky peace process.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga, who declared the emergency rule, appealed for calm after accusing unnamed political forces opposed to the peace drive of killing the 73-year-old minister, a vociferous critic of the Tiger rebels.

Despite efforts by doctors to save him, Kadirgamar died in hospital soon after snipers shot him in the head and chest at his home in the capital Colombo, officials said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who have led a three-decade-old campaign for a separate homeland within the Indian Ocean island-nation, were prime suspects in the slaying, military spokesperson Daya Ratnayake said.

"We strongly suspect the Tigers because he had threats from the LTTE," he said. "Two weeks ago, too, we arrested two suspected LTTE men who had been spying on the minister." There was no reaction from the rebels who dubbed Kadirgamar, a member of the minority Tamil community, as a traitor to their cause of setting up a homeland for mainly Hindu Tamils within majority-Buddhist and Singhalese Sri Lanka.

Kadirgamar led a campaign which led to the Tigers being outlawed abroad, including in the US and Britain.

In Colombo, soldiers started door-to-door searches for two snipers while police set up roadblocks and air force helicopters circled the sky. The state of emergency gives security forces wide powers to arrest and detain suspects.

KADIRGAMAR

The assassination further imperils a three-year-old ceasefire already rocked by higher violence in recent months. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan led international condemnation of what he called a "criminal and senseless" murder.

"It's completely insane, it's a major setback for the peace process," said Erik Solheim, the top Norwegian envoy trying to engineer a lasting peace deal between the government and the LTTE.

"The identity (of the assassins) is not clear, but it is evident suspicion will fall first on the Tamil Tigers," he said in Oslo.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called it a "senseless murder" and "a vicious act of terror." She said those responsible must be brought to justice.

Authorities were probing an apparent intelligence lapse that led to the killing, said a top police officer, who declined to be named. He said evidence indicated the snipers had set up two doors away from the minister's home and questions were being raised about the screening of the minister's neighbors.

"They had not checked the neighbors as thoroughly as they should have," the officer said, adding a search found a gun and ammunition in a plot of land near the minister's house.

It was unclear if it was the murder weapon, he said, adding a tripod for a sniper gun had been found in a toilet of a vacant neighboring house. *AFP*

GEORGE CAIN

ROSEMARY Cain, who lost her son firefighter George Cain, reacts after the NY Fire Department released recordings of radio communications and oral histories after losing a court battle in New York Aug. 12. REUTERS

Recorded details of 9/11 NY attacks made public

NEW YORK—"I'm trapped. I can't breathe much longer. Save me. I don't have much air. Please help me. I can barely breathe."

Those panicked words of a civilian on a New York Fire Department radio dispatch tape from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were part of dramatic unreleased details of the attacks on New York made public on Friday.

The release followed a court order that overruled city efforts to keep some records of the World Trade Center attack private.

The audio tapes, transcripts of emergency workers' radio dispatches and oral histories provided by rescuers after the attacks recount the harrowing and grim moments when thousands of people were trapped and died in the flames and debris of the twin towers.

Firefighter Maureen McArdle-Schulman described a "constant" stream of bodies falling from the towers.

"I felt like I was intruding on a sacrament," she said.

"They were choosing to die, and I was watching them and shouldn't have been, so me and another guy turned away and looked at the wall and we could still hear them hit." .Rescue worker Lonnie Penn said he found body parts, including a little girl's foot. "It was like a pink sneaker," he said.

The city's Fire Department released roughly 15 hours of radio transmissions and oral histories from more than 500 firefighters and paramedics after the attacks, which killed almost 3,000 people in the towers, including 343 firefighters.

Some family members have voiced hope that the transcripts and tapes would help determine whether doomed firefighters failed to hear orders to evacuate or chose to keep trying to save people in the rubble despite the deadly consequences. *Reuters*

Imminent Gaza pullout elates Palestinians

GAZA CITY—Tens of thousands of Palestinians crowded Gaza City's small harbor to celebrate the impending Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, waving flags and hearing promises from their leader that the West Bank and Jerusalem will be next.

The celebration Friday came as news emerged that an Israeli economic foundation bought most of the greenhouses in Gaza settlements for $14 million on Friday and will hand them over to the Palestinians. The deal was arranged—and the money raised—through the intervention of James Wolfensohn, an American who is the international envoy for the withdrawal, said Daniel Ayalon, Israel's ambassador to the United States.

The agreement ensures Palestinians a major economic engine for the impoverished region, and came as Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas publicly sought credit for the pullout.

Abbas, surrounded by security guards, told the crowd at Friday's rally: "From here, from this place, our nation and our masses are walking toward the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

Yet tensions between Abbas and the militant group Hamas became apparent when Cabinet minister Mohammed Dahlan said the Palestinian flag must be the official banner at all celebrations. He did not refer to Hamas directly, but the group has said it plans its own military-style celebrations, and is sewing thousands of its own green banners.

"This era is the era of unity, and the era that will end any competition or disagreement," Dahlan told the crowd.

Rabiya Hissi, 52, came to the rally with her two grandchildren. As the wife of a fisherman, Hissi's family suffered for years from Israeli army limits on how far out to sea Palestinians could fish.

"We have been waiting for this minute for ages," Hissi said. "We have been waiting for joy and peace in our streets instead of blood and fear. I hope that the future of the coming generations will be a promising one."

Hamas, meanwhile, invited TV cameramen for the first time to film about 1,000 militants training ahead of the pullout. *AP*

Iraqi leaders race to meet deadline for constitution

BAGHDAD—With a deadline three days away, Iraqi leaders attempted on Friday to resolve disputes over the content of a permanent constitution they hope could end violence in the fractured country.

An Iraqi presidential spokesperson said there was still no agreement on key issues like regional government and Islamic law that leaders from the majority Shi'ite community, Kurds who have autonomy in the north and once-dominant Sunnis have been arguing over for weeks since broadly agreeing much of the draft.

"There are a series of meetings that have already begun today and they will continue into the night. Then tomorrow it will be the same. I really think they will keep on meeting and discussing right up to Aug. 15," said Kamran Qaradaghi, a spokesperson for interim President Jalal Talabani.

Asked whether there had been any breakthroughs on the toughest issues, he said: "Nothing has come of it yet." One member of the drafting panel, Saad Qindeel, said he believed a draft text, requiring further debate, could be presented to a full session of parliament as early as Sunday.

A critical issue is the nature of federalism—the quest for wording to satisfy Kurdish demands for continued autonomy in the north and Shi'ite hopes for new autonomy in the south.

Another is the role of Islam in a new Iraq that Washington and many Iraqi lobby groups hope will retain a secular outlook.

Several members of the 71-seat panel charged with drafting the document foresee that some disputes will be left for Iraq's parliament to decide after a charter is completed by Aug. 15.

The constitution will be put to a referendum in mid-October. *Reuters*

WORLDBRIEFS

Britain bans radical cleric

LONDON—Britain banned radical cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed from returning to its shores Friday as pitched legal battles loomed over a bid to deport 10 other foreign Islamists in the aftermath of the London bombings. The Home Office said it was stripping Bakri—born in Syria, resident in Britain for 20 years, and in Lebanon since last weekend—of his permission to live in Britain because his presence has been deemed "not conducive to the public good." Bakri, who famously praised the Sept. 11 hijackers in the United States in 2001 as "magnificent," prompted outrage after the July 7 bombings when he said he would never tip off police if he knew a Muslim was about to carry out an attack. *AP*

Russia commemorates sub sinking

MOSCOW—Ceremonies took place across Russia Friday marking the fifth anniversary of the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk with the loss of all 118 aboard, a traumatizing accident that shattered the nation's trust in its leaders. Church services were held in Moscow, Saint Petersburg and in the doomed submarine's home base of Vidyayevo, on the Barents coast, where mourners cast flowers into the sea. Flags on naval vessels and submarines around Russia flew at half-mast and sailors observed a minute's silence. The Kursk, a nuclear-powered sub, sank during military exercises on Aug. 12, 2000 after an explosion. *AFP*

US lowers transit terror alert level

WASHINGTON—The US Department of Homeland Security on Friday lowered its terrorism alert level for buses, subways and trains effective on Friday night—a month after raising it in response to bombings in London. "These changes will be effective at 8 p.m. local time on Friday, Aug. 12, following local rush hours across the country, at the discretion of state and local authorities," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said. The department had raised the alert level to a "high" risk of attack from "elevated" on July 7. *Reuters*

Fidel Castro turns 79

HAVANA—Fidel Castro, the world's longest ruling head of state, turned 79 on Saturday. Castro, who has led the communist-run island for 47 years, shows no indication of being ready to retire. No official birthday celebrations were announced inside Cuba, but Castro, who assumed power after the Jan. 1, 1959, overthrow of dictator Fulgencio Batista, typically marks the day in a low-key manner, sometimes sharing a cake with schoolchildren. Born in eastern Cuba's sugar country where his Spanish immigrant father ran a prosperous plantation, Fidel Castro Ruz's official birthday is Aug. 13, 1926, although some say he was born a year later. *AP*

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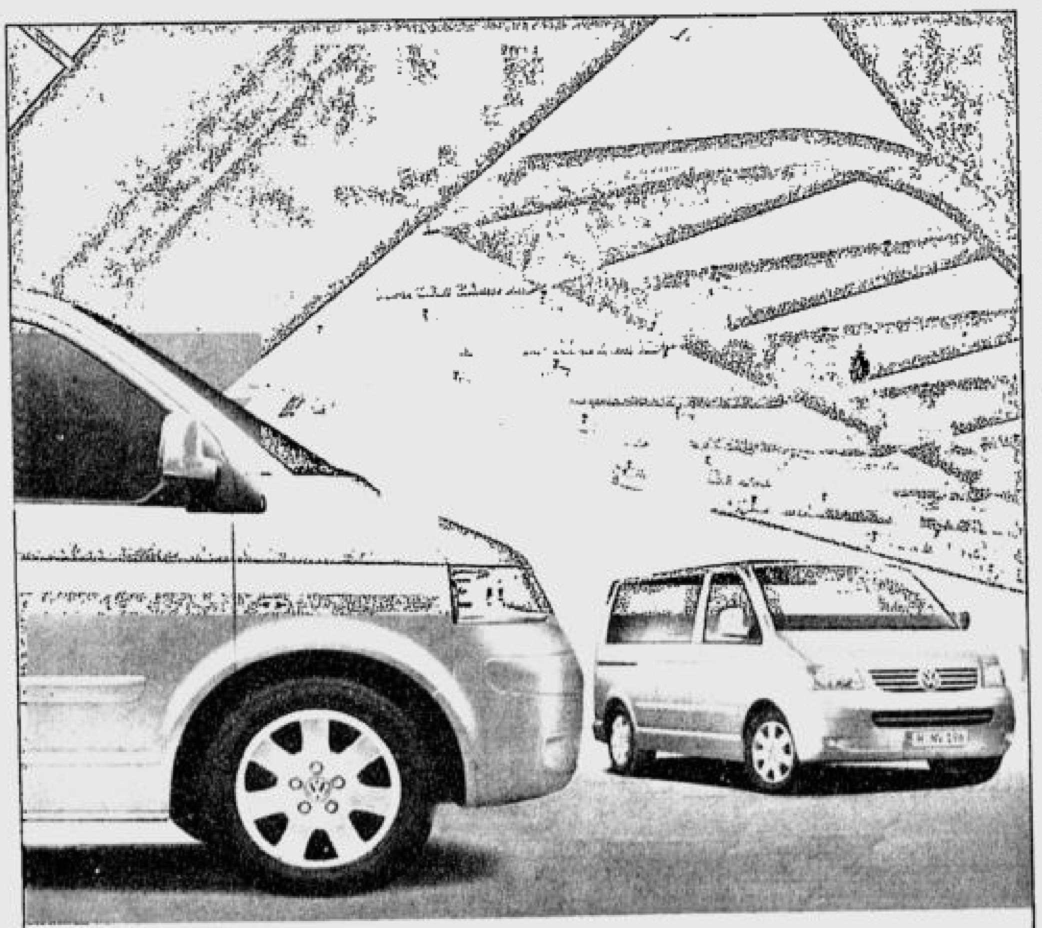

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Bush won't rule out force against Iran

JERUSALEM—US President George W. Bush refused to rule out the use of force against Iran over the Islamic Republic's resumption of nuclear activities, in an interview with Israeli television aired Friday.

When asked if the use of force was an alternative to faltering diplomatic efforts, Bush said: "All options are on the table. The use of force is the last option for any president. You know we have used force in the recent past to secure our country," in a clear reference to Iraq, which the United States invaded in March 2003.

"I have been willing to do so as a last resort in order to secure the country and provide the opportunity for people to live in free societies," he added.

Bush was speaking from his ranch in Crawford, Texas, to a reporter from Israeli public television. The Jewish state has accused Iran of seeking to acquire nuclear weapons and believes it is the prime target of the alleged arms program.

The international community was waiting for Tehran's response after urging the Iranian government to halt its uranium conversion activities, which it resumed on Monday.

Bush expressed doubts that the European Union initiative to defuse the crisis through diplomatic means would succeed. *AFP*

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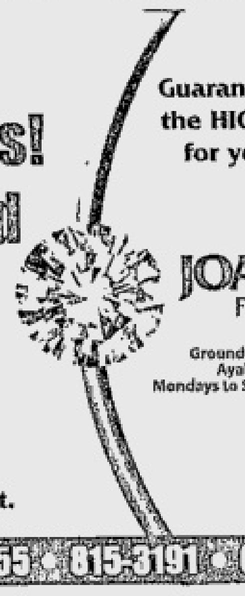

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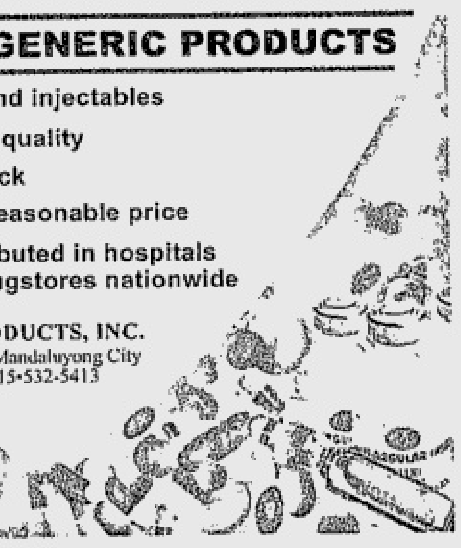

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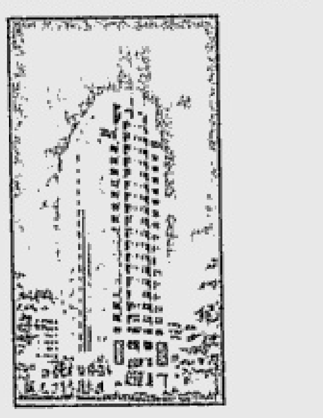

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By Walter Ray Choi

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The Philippines has just joined a mere handful of nations (namely the US) to bundle laptops together with GPRS/EDGE wireless Internet services. Through its partnership with IBM Philippines, PLDT WeRoam Unleashed has given Filipino business the opportunity to ease into the transition from desktop PCs to the more portable and productive notebook, or laptop PC. This move marks a redefinition of the Filipino business environment. On the surface, it looks like a great deal on a laptop. Beyond that, it is the best way to maximize the performance of your business and your employees.

The Gartner Group, an international business research organization has come up with their findings of the effects of the PC to laptop switch within major American corporations. The findings shocked business efficiency experts - the mere replacement of desktop PCs to laptops increased productive work of individual employees by an average of three hours a week. Much of this was due to the fact that a laptop allows people to work outside the office, adding to the amount of productive work they total every week. The study later concluded that the increase of productivity more than paid for the higher cost of the laptop that of the desktop within the first year.

The Gartner Group made a more shocking conclusion when wireless Internet access, like PLDT WeRoam, was added to the desktop/laptop switch. Wireless Internet added another eight hours of productive work a week. The laptop and wireless Internet bundle brought a total of eleven hours of average added productivity per week. When you look at the number of work hours added, does wireless Internet bundled with a laptop cost money or make money?

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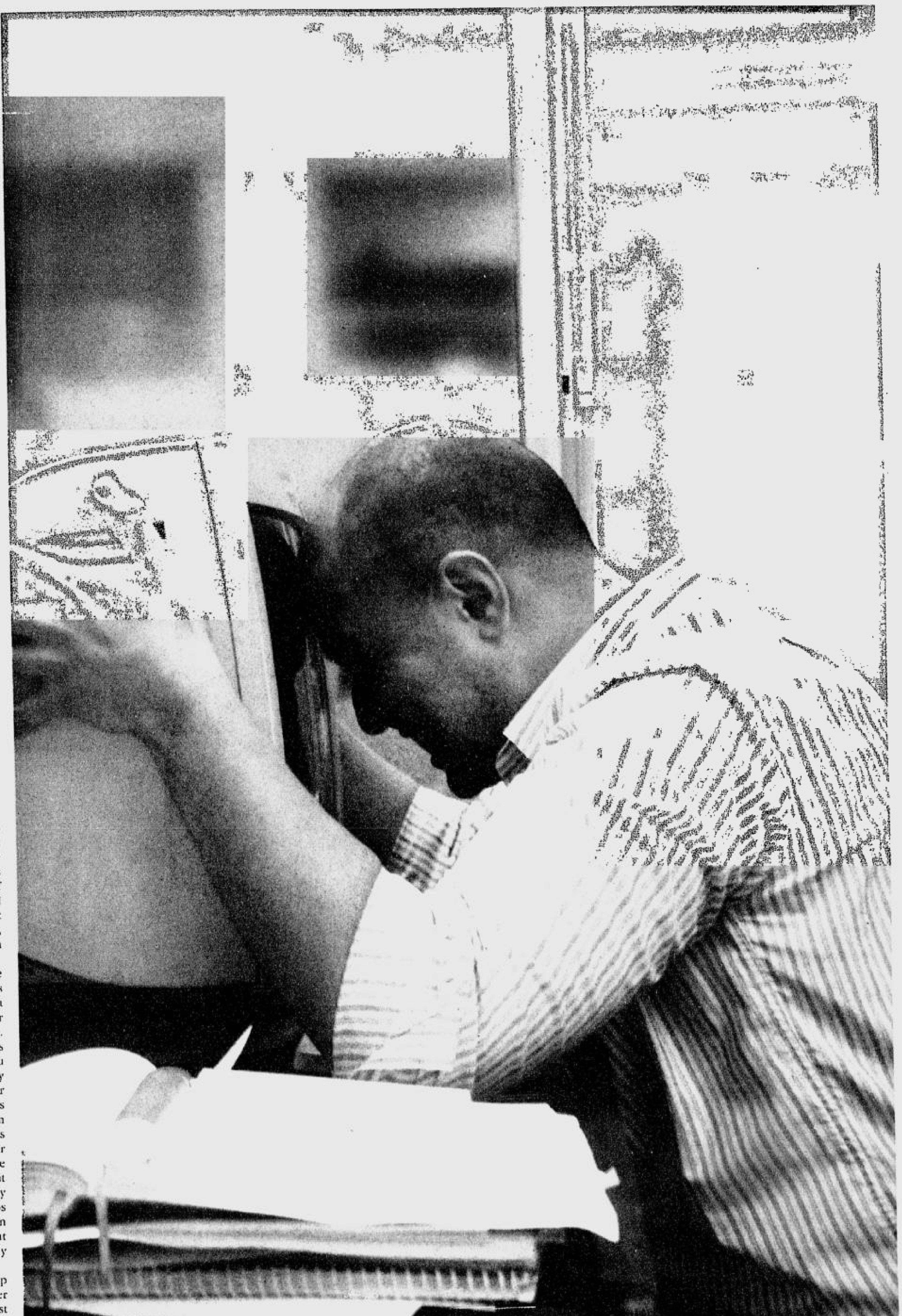

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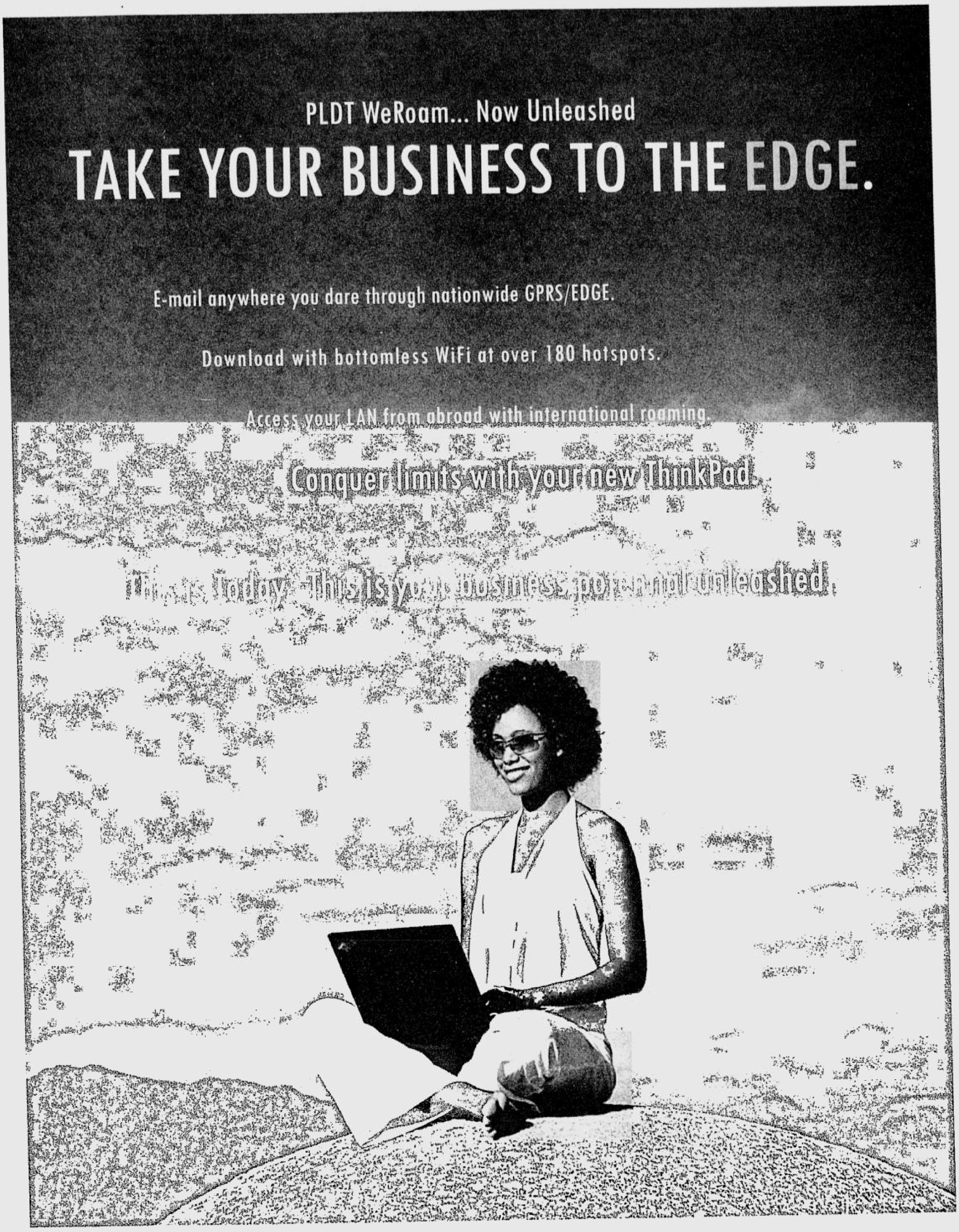

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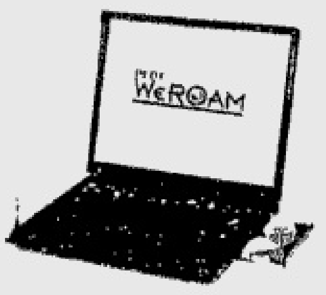

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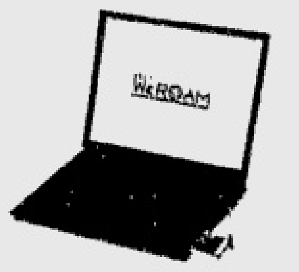

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One case

EDITORIAL

LAST Wednesday, the impeachment process got off to an embarrassing start, with our honorable congressmen consumed in a verbal brawl caught on radio and cable television. The apparently unplanned result was a decision made by the chair of the Committee on Justice, Simeon Datumanong, about 30 minutes into the "initial meeting," to call for an executive session.

In his opening remarks, Datumanong had noted the "unprecedented" circumstances the committee faced: The day the 13th Congress opened its second session, he said, was the first time that three impeachment complaints filed against the same impeachable official were referred one after the other to the Committee on Justice in one session day.

The circumstances raised three "preliminary questions" for the committee to answer, the former member of the Arroyo Cabinet said: whether to consider the complaints one after the other, whether to consolidate them into one, and whether to consider the effect of the third complaint on the first, which it had amended.

That was the last time a flustered Datumanong seemed to have the meeting under effective control. Immediately after his opening statement, a volley of questions and parliamentary motions erupted. Datumanong recognized administration Rep. Edcel Lagman, who proceeded to raise seven "prejudicial questions." Most dealt with Datumanong's third question: the status of the amended complaint as filed by lawyer Oliver Lozano and a host of opposition congressmen.

After Lagman, the deluge. Congressmen, including one who came in late and thus had to settle for the back row, complained about the lack of "access to a microphone" and the smallness of the venue. (Andaya Hall is actually the biggest room in the Batasan, next only to the session hall itself.) Other congressmen raised other concerns. Then Senior Deputy Minority Leader Rolex Suplico questioned the chair's decision to disallow congressmen who were not members of the committee from participating in the committee's deliberations. Unfair, the opposition said.

The executive session ended with a compromise: In addition to the regular and ex officio members of the committee, congressmen who filed the amended complaint or endorsed it can also participate. And the committee will resume meeting on Tuesday, this time in the session hall.

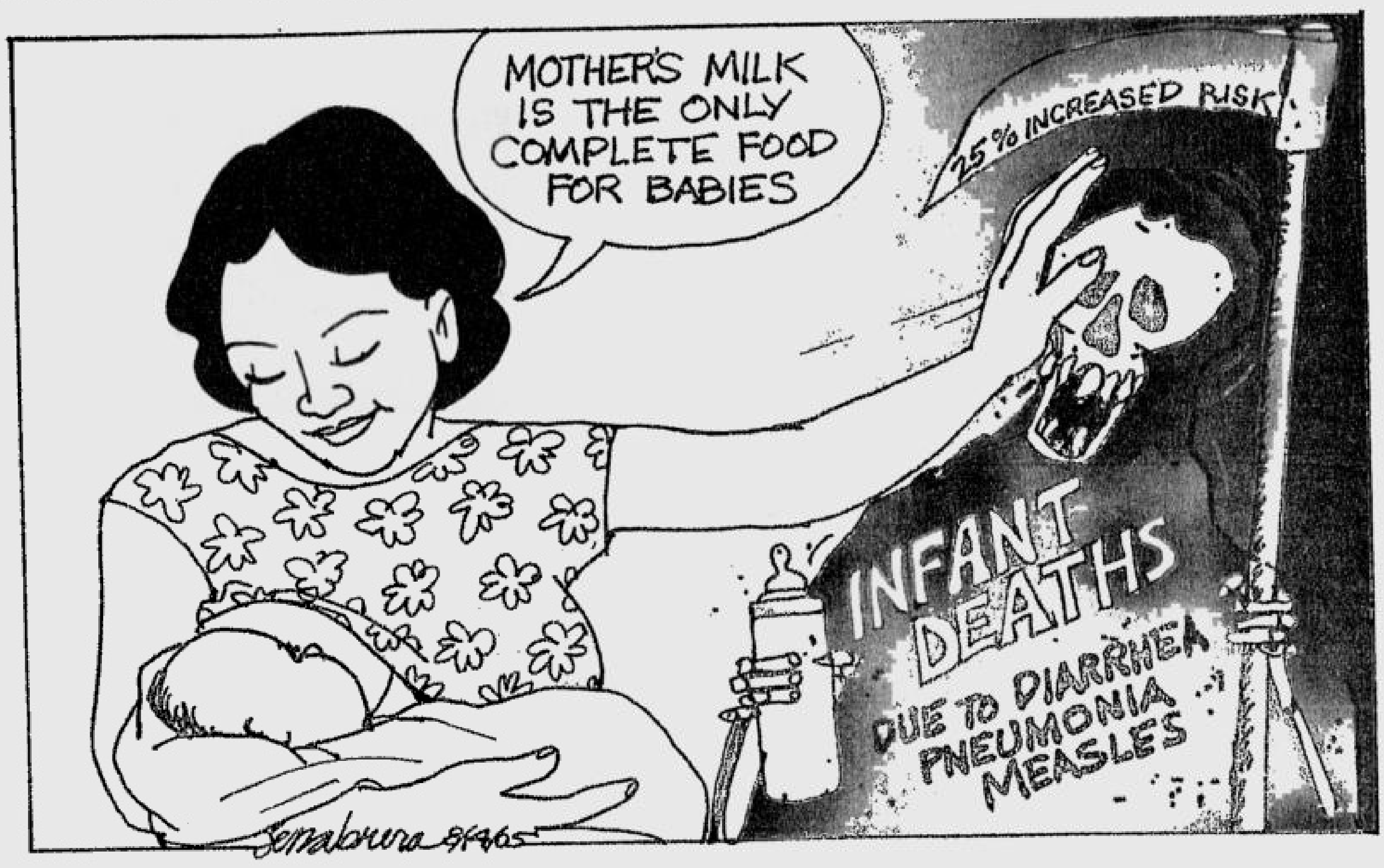
Considering the results and the likely nature of the discussion, Datumanong may have actually done the right thing. The executive session shielded the public from any more embarrassing displays of unruly behavior or a disorderly Congress. Unfortunately for him, public goodwill for such an action cannot last very long. An impatient public wants the committee to buckle down to work.

That means actually considering the impeachment case against the President in its totality. That means considering the first and third complaints as essentially parts of one impeachment case. (The second complaint, filed on July 4 by lawyer Jose Lopez, should not be considered at all, because the congressman who endorsed it has withdrawn his endorsement.)

If administration congressmen want to, they can choose the first, weaker complaint and disregard the third, stronger one. They certainly have the numbers. But they will, with the same certainty, reap the whirlwind of public outrage. Done crudely, such a committee vote will be seen as a brazen attempt to use the impeachment process, not to ferret out the truth, but to cover up the accused. It will be the second Jose Velarde envelope all over again.

The majority must realize the true import of the impeachment process: It is not only the constitutionally mandated process for hearing accusations of impeachable offenses against the President. It is also the President's main venue for putting an end to the credibility crisis she faces.

The way to do that is to throw the strongest possible case against her. If she survives a committee vote on the manifestly weaker complaint, the credibility crisis will continue to undermine her presidency. After all that trouble, the President will be right back where she started. But if she survives the stronger complaint, then she can finally put the crisis behind her.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A farewell salute

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

RAUL Roco and I were not particularly close, but we were more than mere acquaintances. I admired him as a lawyer and public servant, and I hope the feeling was mutual. At any rate, when I learned of his passing last week, I felt I had lost a valued friend.

There are two memories I have that speak well of him and our relationship as lawyers.

When we were still practicing, we found ourselves opposing counsel along with other lawyers in an important case involving the ownership of a bank. I cannot remember the details of the case because my records were burned with my other papers when fire struck our law office in Makati. But I do recall that several now prominent lawyers participated in the case, among them Frank Chavez and Eduardo Ceniza of the SyCip Law Office, Victor Alimurung and Hector Martinez of Siguion Reyna, Montecillo and Ongsiako, Raul Roco and Francis Jardeleza of the Angara Law Office, and I from the Laurel Law Office.

In the exchange of pleadings, I found myself pitted against Raul, who was quite combative. We had a spirited and running debate that sometimes deteriorated into angry exchanges, mostly provoked by my tempestuous adversary. In fact, there was one occasion when I reminded him, using a familiar quotation, that dirt thrown was ground lost. But despite our irreconcilable differences, we remained cordial and civil to each other.

This was not true of Raul's regard for the other lawyers on our side. In fact, there was one time when two lawyers from the opposite parties almost came to blows. This mutual animosity was heightened later when we appeared for oral argument of the case before the Supreme Court. We all came prepared in lawyers' robes but they might as well have been boxers' trunks for we were ready and rarin' to fight. There was tension between the two groups as we waited outside the courtroom for the justices to arrive.

On one side were gathered all the lawyers for the petitioners, including me. On the other side were the lawyers for the respondent led by Raul Roco. Both sides ignored each other except when they exchanged dismissive looks. Raul acted as if none of us existed, even as the lawyers on our side intentionally disregarded him.

Then, to everybody's surprise, including mine, Raul moved to our side and engaged me in casual conversation. He still ignored my companions, but he talked to me as if we were long lost brothers. Of course I was delighted. Among his many opponents, I was the one he chose to extend his camaraderie to as befitted worthy brethren of the bar. I think we gave an example to the other *compañeros* who might have wondered what made their enemy suddenly amicable.

The oral argument did not last long because the justices were in a hurry to take their lunch and soon adjourned the session. The case was later settled by a compromise agreement. But I will remember it with a sense of satisfaction because of Raul's affable conduct.

My other pleasant memory of Raul Roco happened when I had just been appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 shortly after Edsa I. Many of my former students, who were then already practicing lawyers, were glad that I would be sitting on the highest tribunal and would render a fair judgment on their cases. But one lawyer had another reason for his elation. Not knowing me personally, he thought I would be easy to approach like some of the justices of the former Supreme Court under Marcos. In fact, he openly bragged that he would offer me a financial inducement I could not refuse to decide a case in his favor that was before me as *ponente*.

That lawyer never proved his impertinence and I was to learn why later. Raul Roco had heard of his boast and immediately summoned him to his office. There the indignant Raul lectured the suddenly abashed lawyer and warned him against his plan to try to bribe me. As reported to me by his office mates, their boss minced no words in upbraiding the culprit and caustically reminded him of his professional oath he was going to besmirch with his corruption. Most of all, he stressed on the now totally subdued offender my reputation as an honest judge and made it quite clear that he would have him disbarred if he persisted in his insolent plan. I could imagine the sufficiently chastened offender retreating in shame from the office, like a dog with his tail between his legs.

I never got to thank Raul for his kindness but I am sure he is hearing me now.

Raul Roco was a worthy man. He was a brilliant lawyer, a conscientious legislator and educator, and a valiant defender of the Constitution. He was the special protector of the common *tao* and of women in general. Despite the many honors he received in recognition of his high achievements, he remained a simple person faithful to his friends, devoted to his family, and obedient to his God.

I voted for him last year although I knew he was not going to win. I did not know, as I mourn for him now, that I was rendering a farewell salute to an esteemed and cherished friend.

More than words

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I HEARD that the Japanese have recently come out with a camera with such a high-speed shutter that it can actually take a picture of a woman with her mouth closed while she is talking. Amazing!

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 15, 21-28) Jesus encounters a talkative and persistent Canaanite woman, asking Him to heal her daughter tormented by a demon. It is not so much her words, but her humility and faith that finally prevail upon Jesus to give in to her request and lead Him to say: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Take note, Jesus did not say "Woman, great are your words." More than words, it is the heart and the works that follow the words that really matter.

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The national crisis we are facing now will not be resolved as long as we stay on the level of words, press releases, charges and countercharges. I do not belittle the value of words. But if the whole thing becomes a battle of who is the loudest and who is the wisest, then we will not be able to move on. I pray that at some point, somebody will just come out and say "I'm sorry" and really mean it, and proceed to real peace, reconciliation and change of heart. It is almost impossible to expect this at this point in time, and at this stage of the game, but then, nothing is impossible with God. Anything can happen. In the snap of a finger, God can change anything, and everything. Let us not belittle and let us not box out the presence and the power of God in whatever we are going through right now. That's the problem with those who are verbose, they become callous, even to God's word.

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Someone once said that a lot of people suffer indigestion because they have to eat their own words. We have a lot of people eating their own words these days, but they don't seem to suffer indigestion at all. They even go on for the second serving! And third! The reason why some people cannot eat their words is because they cannot admit their mistakes and they cannot swallow their pride. When a person eats his/her own words, he/she usually goes on to utter more words to put up a smoke screen to obscure the truth and to hide his/her lies. In such a situation, healing doesn't happen, and the stone-throwing doesn't end.

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Don't you feel sometimes that we are like dogs waiting for scraps that fall from our masters' table? When you see the lifestyle of our elected officials, don't you feel like asking yourself "Where's our share?" And when you hear them speak with pride and arrogance, don't you feel like asking yourself "Is he/she not a public servant who gets his/her mandate and salary from us, the taxpayers?"

Somehow, the picture must change. Instead of public servants seated with their mouths full, they must be up and about serving as waiters those of us who should be seated at the table, don't you think so?

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There are two very powerful lines the Canaanite woman uttered in today's Gospel. The first is "Have pity on me," and the second one is "Lord, help me." The first is the acknowledgement of one's sins, and the second is the acknowledgement of one's helplessness. Unless and until we sincerely repent (not only in words but also in deeds), and surrender to God, there can be no real and sustained healing and conversion. The problem with the rich and the powerful is that they never quite realize the meaning of mercy and helplessness because they have so much resources at their beck and call. But in time, they will—hopefully, at their deathbed. They will die too, right?

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Have you ever cried with your God in prayer? Have you experienced turning desperately to God, and without words just allow your humble, contrite and helpless heart to be embraced by His love? If you have, then you know what true prayer is, and you are very, very close to God's heart.

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Truth is dangerously becoming a scarce commodity in our country these days. Lying, cheating and corruption are beginning to be almost a given in our Filipino culture. This is the sad legacy of a very greedy few who amass wealth and hold on to power by all means. We all hurt people in one way or another, but to hurt a whole nation and the coming generation with our selfishness and greed, and rob them of their hope and dreams are things that we should not allow in this our beloved land. Lord, have pity on us! Lord, help us!

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Inviting you for a pilgrimage to Naju, Korea from Sept. 19-24, 2005. For more information please contact 8446011 and 8437997.

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Inviting you to join a national pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Grace on Sept. 12, 2005 (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at the Carmelite Monastery in Lipa, to ask the intercession of Our Lady for our nation. It's Our Lady's Assumption tomorrow. She will raise us up from the quagmires which we have made and which others have made for us. Amen!

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, more than words, help us to love you with our hearts and with our works. Amen.

‘They who make a nation’

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

MY uncle, Dr. Samson Sol Flores, now a citizen of the United States and a resident of Evanston, Illinois, has been visiting the old country at least once each year for the last 20 or more years. I usually take care of him when he is in town and he always remembers to bring along a couple of golf balls or T-shirts for me. This year, he gave me a book fresh off the printing press.

But first, let me tell you more about him. He is a native of Cabugao, Ilocos Sur, a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a dentistry graduate with honors of Centro Escolar University, Class of 1944. After the war, he left for the States and finished an advanced dental program in prosthodontics at the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC), courtesy of the GI Bill of Rights. Prosthodontics has to do with the replacement or reconstruction of shattered jaws, the kind of facial wounds that soldiers are likely to suffer in combat. He stayed on at the UIC after completing the program and later became its director. He is one of only 16 prosthodontists licensed to practice in the State of Illinois and he served as a board examiner for the Illinois State Department of Professional Regulations. He is now Professor Emeritus at the UIC College of Dentistry. He is probably the only Filipino-American after whom a dental facility in a major university in the United States is named—the Dr. S. Sol Flores Clinical Prosthodontic Laboratory of the UIC.

As I mentioned earlier, in his recent visit last month, he gave me a book. Its title is "Conduct Under Fire," by John A. Glusman. It is about four US Navy doctors who were captured in Corregidor in May 1942, and who fought a desperate battle against sickness and starvation as prisoners of the Japanese. One would die, three would survive the war and see its end in a POW camp near Tokyo. A noted author, Abraham Verghese, describes "Conduct Under Fire" as "a marvelous book, a wonderful reminder that medicine is not a business, not a trade, not a degree course, but a calling." Glusman is the son of one of the three doctors who survived.

For me, the most interesting thing about the book is its epigraph which reads:

Patriotism is selfless. And it is not the generals who are the bravest—they usually have the means to stay away from the battle and thereby lengthen their lives. The bravest are usually those whom we do not know or hear about. . .It has always been the many faceless men, those foot soldiers, who have suffered most, who have died. It is they who make a nation.

—F. Sionil Jose, Dusk

Reading through the epigraph, I was reminded of our own Armed Forces, particularly the young officers, the foot soldiers, the airmen and the sailors who suffer the most and who die in conflicts that seem to be endless because our leaders have failed us. As F. Sionil Jose states, it is they who make a nation. And we owe them more than what has been given.

When my late father would visit Manila from his assignments abroad, he would usually ask me to drive him to **La Solidaridad**, the bookstore owned by Jose, for a few minutes of browsing through its shelves. I never got to meet Manong Frankie. I cannot say that I have read his books, but the essays of our National Artist for Literature have always been in my thoughts.

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Some random observations:

On Capt. Marlon Mendoza—It is true that much of what Mendoza said in his testimony before the Senate inquiry was hearsay. But he was there as a resource person, not as a witness in a court of law. And for this, he was granted immunity by the Senate. Senators and congressmen, when delivering privilege speeches on the floor, say almost anything because they are clothed with parliamentary immunity. So why all the fuss about Mendoza's storytelling?

But I wish to point out another aspect of the case so that the public may have a better understanding and appreciation of the whole sorry spectacle. When Captain Mendoza was being considered for detail to the Commission on Elections, the Armed Forces voiced its objections to his assignment outside the AFP since he was facing certain charges related to his work in the Intelligence Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp). This was a correct position taken by the military. In spite of this objection, then Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita recommended Mendoza's detail to Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano at the Comelec and the proposal was approved by Malacañang. Now the supreme irony of the whole thing is that, in effect, the politicians got screwed by the very person whom they recruited—in the face of objections from the AFP—to serve as security for a bunch of dubious characters moving around the country and working to subvert the will of our people.

On sexual misconduct—Last week, the US Army sacked a four-star general who ranked third in seniority among the Army's 11 four-star generals. Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commander of the Army Training and Doctrine Command (ATDC) was approaching retirement when he was relieved of his duties for unspecified sexual misconduct.

In the AFP, no one gets sacked for sexual misconduct. In fact, it might even help pave the road to the presidency.

Have a good Sunday. Pray for our country; we're in deeper trouble than we realize.

A ‘walk on the water’

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

HERE'S the final installment of a letter written by resigned DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman initially to the *pagbabago* e-group and other friends in civil society. She later agreed to have the letter circulated to a wider audience.

In this closing portion of her "open letter," Dinky addresses her alleged "disloyalty" to her former boss who had—so Malacañang spokespersons, including First Daughter Luli, have said—felt nothing but friendship for her.

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ONE of the strongest criticisms hurled against me was my disloyalty. How could a Cabinet member, a perceived close friend of the President, have the gumption to ask her boss to resign? Even some of my friends silently believed that I could have made a mistake (by) my action. I have been reflecting on this point; it was not an easy decision as I have narrated. It was a long and agonizing process; it was to wake up everyday and ask if I am still consistent with my principles and the people I vowed to serve.

Then VP GMA knew about Dinky only in October 2000. Contrary to popular belief, I am neither a classmate nor a long-time associate. We had a common vision for good governance which was born in the struggle against the Estrada government. Over the four years and six months that we worked together, we developed a bond of respect for each other; got pleasantly surprised that we had some shared values and even common personal likes and dislikes (about) people. I treasure the relationship and would have wished that I did not have to do what I did. I know it hurt her and it pains me that I had to do what I had to do.

It was clear to me that I was in government because of the principles and vision that I believed we shared. The source of her authority emanated from the people by virtue of the mandate they gave her (both in Edsa II and the 2004 elections). While it is true that PGMA appointed me to my post, my loyalty to the people is higher than my loyalty to her because ultimately, we are all accountable to the people. I believed that the reforms and the truth (have been) compromised because she has lost credibility and leadership.

It could have been easier if I just resigned and carried on with my life in development work. But then I would not have only been party to disempowering the poor, I (would) also (have) been disempowered. Some of you might say to me..Hello.. Wake up, government is all about compromises. I say the people deserve more than compromise. If we want our democracy to work for all especially the disempowered and oppressed, then we all have to make our stake, be involved in making it work as an active citizen of this democracy.

We have to Speak Up and Act now.

Today's (Aug. 8) Gospel spoke of the time when Jesus walked on the water towards the boat of the apostles. Most of them were frightened and thought Jesus was a ghost. But Peter was inspired and he jumped (from) the boat and walked (on) the water, too. He was pummeled by the waves and the lightning, and wavered, but ultimately he kept the faith and did not sink.

We, too, have taken our "walk on the water." We, too, have been (in) the eye of a storm, and have been called traitors and have suffered a lot of humiliation. But we believe that our children deserve a truthful society and leadership with integrity. I have not taken an easy path, but we hope to keep the faith, and keep our heads above the waters of despair and indifference.

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DINKY'S letter ends here.

I have known Dinky for about 20 years, though I first heard of her at the founding seminar of the women's group Pilipina, when sociologist and feminist Mary Racelis arrived to give a talk and told us that she had just come from "Dinky and Hec's" wedding where she stood as one of the sponsors. From everyone's expression of delight at the news, I concluded that the couple must be very well liked, indeed.

I would meet Dinky a few years later, at an Asian Women's Forum held in Davao to which she had been invited as a facilitator. She brought with her husband Hec and their newborn son, emblematic of the way women activists have sought to combine work and home, feminism and motherhood.

Shortly after the 2004 elections and GMA's proclamation, news came out, quoting a Malacañang source that a "power clique," composed of Dinky and resigned Peace Adviser Ging Quintos Deles, was cornering appointments. It struck me as the height of absurdity, since Dinky and Ging are the least "political" (in the partisan, self-interested sense) people I know. Indeed, shortly thereafter, came the news that Dinky was being eased out of the DSWD to give way to Vice President Noli de Castro who had expressed a desire for the post. People derided Dinky for tearfully announcing her pending departure, but from talks with her, my sense is that the tears were more out of a sense of personal hurt, since she had asked the President point-blank a few days earlier about the rumors, and GMA had assured her blandly that there was no truth to the rumors.

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I DON'T know if the four-and-a-half-year saga of Dinky and Ging, as well as the too-short tenure (once again) of former Education Secretary Butch Abad, has taught "civil society types" anything about the pitfalls of government service.

Time and again, we hear politicians and public officials talk of the need for well-meaning private citizens to help our country by serving in government. A few such individuals have taken up the call, only to end up caught in the dilemma of doing one's job well or acceding to political demands just to continue doing that job.

Is Dinky's "side of the story" a moral lesson on the futility of seeking to combine public service and political survival? Or is it a fable about the hopelessly naïve in a cynical world? Whatever, welcome back Dinky!

Clean hands

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE "GREAT DEBATE" on Charter change has hardly begun, yet the country is riveted once again on the sordid affair of the "Hello Garci Tapes." For two weeks following Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Address, the media stopped talking about the Garcillano conversations. Public discourse shifted to the parliamentary and federal forms of government and their relative merits. The embattled Arroyo government got the breathing space it needed to review its situation and to map out a plan to re-take the political initiative.

Ms Arroyo went on a media offensive, projecting the new confidence she drew from the orchestrated applause of her supporters at her last Sona. But the questions she was asked in her TV appearances could not be regulated. She found herself parrying persistent questions about the wiretapped conversations. Though she kept her composure and even managed to project cheerfulness, her answers were evasive. She refused to talk about her alleged conversations with Garcillano, invoking her "rights as an accused." Yet, in the same interviews, she was quick to deny meeting with election officials at her private residence in La Vista, Quezon City before the 2004 presidential election.

Having previously apologized on public television for a "lapse in judgment" when she called an election official during the canvassing period, Ms Arroyo was asked by GMA-7 anchor Mike Enriquez to confirm if the election official she did not name was Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. She declined to answer. On another occasion, ANC anchor Korina Sanchez asked her point-blank why she felt the need to publicly apologize for a mere lapse in judgment. Her reply was as intriguing: "I should have been better."

That response is a take-off from the same theme she has spoken about on many occasions, namely, that our political system has so degenerated that it is extremely difficult to come out of it with clean hands. It shows a beleaguered politician wanting to regain some moral ground while refusing to render a clear account of her actions out of fear of the legal consequences.

In the impeachment court where the political opposition wants to take her, Ms Arroyo only needs a fraction of the votes she wields to kill the case against her. In the more unwieldy court of public opinion, however, where trust matters most, she needs to demonstrate the quality of moral fitness expected of the highest leader of a nation. This is especially so because of the extraordinary circumstances of her succession to the presidency in 2001. She took over from a morally discredited president who was taken out by the direct action of citizens acting on their own moral instincts.

If Ms Arroyo's political allies think they can go through the procedures of the impeachment process while blocking the admission of the Garci tapes as evidence, then their memories are short. They have forgotten how the fatal vote on the second envelope in the Estrada trial spontaneously brought the people out into the streets. That envelope was supposed to contain details of the hidden bank account of Estrada. Today, the public demands to know the truth about the Garcillano conversations. Are these conversations real? If they are, what conclusions can the public reasonably draw about Ms Arroyo's behavior in the 2004 elections? And what do these tell us about her fitness to lead the nation in these crucial times?

We may not agree with Mike Defensor's unusual methods, but his political instincts are at least correct. His desperate attempt to impugn the authenticity of the tapes is far more useful to his boss than the smug strategy of blocking the complaint at every point of the impeachment process. The real tribunal is the public one. Before the court of public opinion, there is no way of avoiding the Garcillano tapes. Ms Arroyo's allies can use their numbers to terminate the impeachment, but where will that leave her? She may retain the allegiance of legislators using the same decadent tricks that she laments in the present political system; but if she completely loses the trust of a nation that had looked to her as the last hope of moral renewal in government, how could she govern?

In the final analysis, Ms Arroyo has no choice but to tell a plausible story of her calls to Commissioner Garcillano. In her public apology to the Filipino nation, she had said she owed it to the people to set the record straight. Beyond insisting that she did not cheat in the last election, she has done nothing to dispel the suspicions that have hounded her presidency. She sidesteps the questions, even as she allows her operatives to obfuscate the issues. Mike Defensor's latest maneuver is continuous with Chavit Singson's "X-tapes"—the main goal is to plant enough seeds of doubt in the public mind about "spliced" recordings so as to diminish the probative value of the Garci tapes.

Ms Arroyo may be a little stronger today than she was a month ago. But whatever gain she has made has been at the expense of the moral community of which she is a part. In his little book, "Being Good," Simon Blackburn writes: "A different example of a bid to escape the stringency of behaving well is the excuse of 'dirty hands'." There is something not quite right about this, he says. "We have some sense that we should keep our own hands clean, however much others will then dirty theirs. The excuse is not open to a person of strict honor or integrity, however convenient it may be in practice. In many areas, it is not over and above the call of duty to keep our own hands clean." Will the nation survive this crisis with clean hands?

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Media and elections

(The following was adapted from a talk delivered at the International Conference on Politics in a Transition Period and the Role of the Media. The conference was held in Ulanbataar, Mongolia last month. The author is a faculty member of the Department of Communication of the Ateneo de Manila University.)

COMMENTARY

Violet B. Valdez

AT THE CENTER of the storm engulfing the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo is the conduct of the national election which she officially won. Today, however, the integrity of that election is in question, and Ms Arroyo is accused of having acquired her seat through massive electoral fraud. The evidence is an audio tape which carries, allegedly, wiretapped telephone conversations between her and an election official. Among those discussed in the conversations was a plot to rig the elections. Neither the authenticity of the tape nor the voices in it have been officially established, but it continues to wreak havoc on an administration already beleaguered by mammoth problems.

Free and fair elections are key to a democracy. The ability of the citizenry to choose its government in an open, fair process is the hallmark of a democratic society. Thus, democratic societies enshrine institutions which protect and foster the integrity of elections, among them, the press.

The media play a crucial role in elections by being themselves: observers and recorders of events and issues, thus bringing public events into the public sphere—that abstract space in which citizens discuss and debate public issues. This information and opinion-formation role of the media implies the notion of the press as a watchdog, a role that underlies the ideology of popular and representative government because "it springs from the idea of the populace as sovereign entering into a social contract with a governing establishment that will serve popular interests."

The present controversy provides an opportunity to re-examine the conduct of the 2004 elections and the role of the media. Also, it draws attention to a compelling need to scrutinize the ways in which the press deals with elections. How did the media cover the elections? Did the journalists conduct themselves in keeping with professional standards?

Uncovering media coverage

A number of studies provide clues to the quality of the media coverage of the 2004 elections. A content analysis done by the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility (CMFR) showed serious failings, gaps and flops in the election's coverage by major newspapers and TV newscasts. The CMFR found that the coverage tended toward the trivial and sensational and lacked in thoroughness and balance; it was also dubious. Celebrities, surveys and mudslinging dominated the news to the exclusion of reports on platforms, policy issues, development issues and elections at the local and Senate levels. News reports were often inaccurate, if not fabricated, and made frequent use of anonymous sources.

The skewed coverage and the trivialization of the elections did not escape voters, according to a study done by the Ateneo Institute of Philippine Culture (IPC). From data obtained from voters belonging to the poor segment of the population, the IPC found that the participants in the study thought they had inadequate information particularly about candidates running for national positions. One participant said that news revealed only "what the candidates did on a particular day of the campaign and not what they (wanted) to do, what they have already done, what they have accomplished or (wanted) to accomplish."

Bribes shape news

Professional conduct was far from exemplary, as can be gleaned from a report of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ). Obtaining data from a sample of print and broadcast reporters and editors who covered the elections, the PCIJ's findings revealed that there were journalists who took bribes, that the acceptance of bribes had shaped election news, and that the concern for ratings or circulation was paramount when editors judged the newsworthiness of an election story or issue.

The report of a non-government observer of the elections, the National Democracy Institute, reflected the findings of the three studies. It observed various forms of anomalous conduct, including that of journalists or media outlets taking money in exchange for either positive or negative coverage of opponents—depending on the donor's interests, or news organizations' soliciting advertising from candidates and parties, or the partisan affiliation of many media outlets and executives, and "blurred (the) lines between objective journalism and press agentry, as those providing the commentary are usually representing those being covered."

Watchdog media, credible elections

The lack of integrity of the media coverage implicated the integrity of the elections because the media were an important source of information and source of influence in the choice of candidates. By a good margin, the news media, according to the IPC study, was the most important source of influence of low-income voters during the elections, followed by family, church and political party, in that order.

These reports reinforce the impression that some sectors of the Philippine press were complicit in the anomalies observed during the 2004 elections, that they failed to perform the fourth estate's role as a watchdog that monitors activities of public interest and fearlessly exposes abuses of power and authority. For as long as the Philippine press is unable to perform these roles, the country will suffer elections whose results neither echo the people's voice nor count the people's vote.

THEY SAID

Youth's lost choice

"He wanted to be remembered as a statesman of the highest order. He wanted to help the country by providing a role model different from the leadership models that are very strong today. He had his own style. He was very intelligent. And he could inspire the young. He was the choice of the youth. *Sayang*, now we have to look for another one."

—Facundo Roco on his older brother Raul Roco's legacy

‘Kaldero’ debates

"Juan de la Cruz would like to see a linkage between the state of the Constitution and the state of the *kaldero* (rice pot). Will Charter change put rice in my pot? That's the question he will be asking."

—Sen. Ralph Recto on what the Filipinos would like to achieve in the debates on Charter change

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Are you fed up with the news?

OVER the past two months, most of the major stories reported by the print and broadcast media in the country revolve around allegations that President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in the May 2004 elections.

The allegations are based on the wiretapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano while the votes were still being counted.

Then came calls from various sectors for the President to step down. Rallies for and against the President followed and impeachment complaints were filed against her. But Ms Arroyo refused to resign and denied committing election fraud.

After the so-called "Hello Garci" tapes, payoffs allegedly received by relatives of Ms Arroyo from gambling operators were among the most covered issues by the media. The payoffs were revealed by witnesses of a Catholic bishop during the Senate inquiry into jueteng, an illegal numbers game.

Then the alleged election fraud and jueteng payola were joined when a former Malacañang operative claimed that election officials were bribed by the wife of a gambling lord in the house of Ms Arroyo four months before the presidential election.

Some of the witnesses of the bishop turned around and apologized to the President, but another witness corroborated the claim of the former Palace operative that jueteng money and fraud helped ensure Ms Arroyo's election victory. The Palace denies any wrongdoing.

A daily fare of such news is just too much for a number of people, not a few of whom have learned to "tune out."

Finding my new horizon

By Antonio Joshua M. Eluat

Recent events have compelled me to reassess my perspective of staying in the Philippines the rest of my life. I have had enough of the political circus that is being reported daily in our newspapers, television and radio.

I used to read the INQUIRER from page one to the back page. Now I only read the sports, comics, movie guide and some ads especially those announcing a sale because I expect the same news in the newspaper, which I heard or saw on TV. News in print media basically dwells on negative things.

Every day, I grow more doubtful whether staying in the country still offers a good future for my children because of the deteriorating political, economic and social situation.

Unlike my past colleagues and friends in the telecommunications industry who left for abroad during the administration of Corazon Aquino, I decided to stay put and do my share to help rebuild the country.

That decision was strengthened when I joined a company and was made part of a team that built telephone systems all over Luzon during FVR's time.

I was satisfied with the results of what we did to help in the development of the countryside. I became contented with my job as senior officer in our company, earning more than enough to have a house, a car, and occasional out-of-town or even out-of-the-country vacations. In short, a comfortable life.

Until recently, my eldest child, who was a high school scholar and is now studying at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, decided that she was going to study medicine.

Upon realizing her determined decision, it finally dawned on me that in this country her dreams would not happen because the so-called national leaders have become so obsessed with greed. The comforts that we have been enjoying are slowly fading.

So, my wife and I sat down to reassess our future. It was then that we realized that it was not only our child's future, which we have to worry about, but also ourselves, particularly our retirement.

Suddenly, the idea of growing old has become a dreadful thought. Unless my children become overseas Filipino workers and earn green money, we shall become poor. What I imagined to be a slow-paced and relaxed life leaves me now with a lot of worries. After retirement, my retirement pay would not be enough to feed and shelter me and my wife. So, how could I possibly catch up with basic domestic expenses? And my medical bills that go with old age?

I know that being in my mid-forties, my financial position will not improve much especially because of the continually weakening peso. After much thinking, I have come to accept that I have to be practical and move on to another part of the world where, as they say, the "grass is greener."

This past year, two of my friends, a doctor, who was living in Corinthian Gardens in Quezon City, and a prominent lawyer staying in Makati left with their families for Canada.

For two weeks I surfed the Internet, looking for opportunities in other lands. It has been an exciting exercise for me, discovering the educational, health and retirement benefits in countries like Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Of course, with old age, the thought of clean air and surroundings is also a very important consideration. These advantages, which I knew but did not consider, are something which I am now looking forward to.

Two international companies have responded to my queries and are requesting a personal interview. The prospects? Well, they offer salaries with the same figure as my pay today, but in dollars.

(Antonio Joshua M. Eluat is the name used by an executive of a telecommunications firm for this article because he doesn't want to be identified.)

'I learned to tune out'

By Ross Harper-Alonso

My youngest son liked to watch the news with me every night until he complained we were watching the same replay day after day. It might've seemed this way to a child of 10 but I can't deny he was onto something.

I've become so familiar with all the runaway nightmares and corny spectacles onscreen that I now watch the newscasts with something of a yawn. When I ask my students to comment on a newspaper's headline they reply with befuddled looks and shrugs.

Collective apathy has since replaced the fiery debates we used to have over national issues. Like them, I learned to tune out. Call it quiet resignation or plain indifference. I'm tired of being held in suspended animation and waiting for the alleged big thinkers of the nation to get us out of the black hole they tossed us into.

Apart from a few public service spots, I think the news has become a string of meaningless and redundant updates that either numbs or further confuses the people. It's become extremely tiresome to mull over the country's dismal condition or guess who the next witness will be. At this point, I prefer to close my eyes and ears to the controversies.

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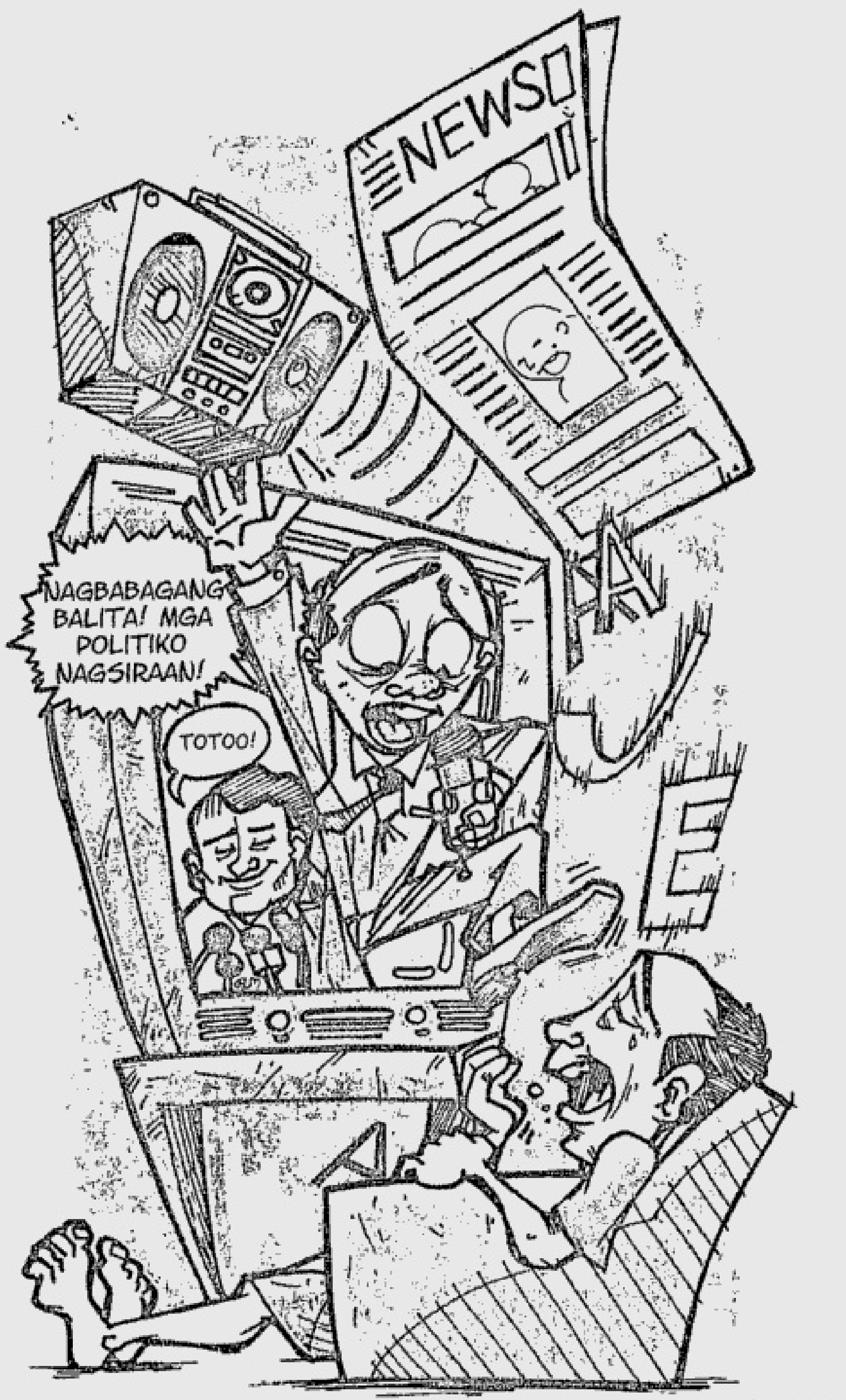
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'I can count to at most three articles that interest me'

By Magdalena Lepiten

Every time I happen to see a newspaper, it strengthens my resolve not to read. I would lick my lips to check on my taste buds. Hmmm, these news taste awful. Would you say I am fed up? Yes, I am sick, disgusted by and tired of the news.

My mind is malnourished. I have taken only a few nutrients because what is served by the media is junk food. I'd rather starve than eat adulterated and spiced up news intended to titillate the senses than feed the soul.

Under the rules of evidence, opinions are inadmissible to prove a certain fact unless it is coming from an expert. But, media report opinions of politicians and present them as fact. There are so many opinions about the Philippine economy that I really don't know where we stand. When a government official says that we are doing well, are we really doing well?

We, the ordinary public, have never been confident about media coverage of the economy.

Can media cover this basic concern in a more reliable way rather than just simply echoing the opinions of different and opposing factions?

Tricks

We learned a lot from Edsa I and II. Political power can be wrested from power holders if public opinion is turned against them. People can be mobilized with the aid of media. With this lesson, politicians have learned a lot of tricks in propaganda and counter-propaganda. Which is real and which is propaganda? Media are used in both instances and propaganda is fed to the public as news.

I, as a receiver, am picky with news. On rare occasions, I would take it and chew on it. But most of the time, I will skip it for being unpalatable. It disgusts me no end when media knowingly allow themselves to be used as a propaganda tool. We deserve much better.

The radio, TV and print as medium of information have not served the need for credible information because they rely heavily on "government" sources and politicians.

Deadening

When people like me are fed up with the news, it is partly because of how the media are playing it all up. But then, it is also wrong to blame the messenger for the bad news, right? I have to admit that a big part of the psyche of being fed up is really because of bad government. It is not just bad as bad, it is because the problems have been there for a long time.

Corruption, traffic, pollution, criminality, politicking are so common a topic that one can already know how the media are going to cover them. Just how many ways can one cover oil price increase, pray, tell me. I think I have seen it all. There is no deep analysis; no insights and the remarks are similar. Who would want to watch an awful movie twice? Not me.

Government officials, who are paid by us to come up with solutions, are so bankrupt of ideas that they keep on repeating "tried and tested failures." They are so used with rehashed ideas that they just keep changing the names of the programs but still with the same essence. So, when it is covered by media and presented as news, it is deadening.

Lastly, the pictures shown upset and stress me for the rest of the day. To protect my health, I decided to avoid reading the news and watching awful TV shows and concentrated on helping whenever I can.

But I do watch local TV news from time to time to exercise my thumb in shifting channels. I shift TV channels very fast that I would win if there is a contest in channel surfing. I have become an expert of some sort in going over and scanning the papers. I can count to at most three articles that interest me. But in radio, news and commentaries are so intertwined that I only listen to them if I am forced to, usually, when I am riding a taxi.

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'Media contribute to conundrum'

By Niel Niño Lim

With the ruckus we have in the national "slaughterhouse" lately, reading newspapers or watching the news is like being in a public court, day in and day out.

But unlike in a normal court of justice, where we are either a witness, an accused, a victim, an audience or the judge, we play three roles in this lynch-mob scenario that has sadly been perpetuated in our society.

Over the past weeks, witnesses against the President have sprouted like mushrooms, presenting themselves to media and speaking at press conferences (or media-covered Senate or House hearings "in aid of legislation") instead of being in the witness stand. And though some already confessed to have been forced or bribed, others seemingly love the attention.

Whistle-blower

What we have is a "whistle-blower syndrome" that, though adverse for most, has been convenient for some (politicians, that is).

The common people are forced to be the audience in this public court unless one would consider shunning everything around, as newspapers and news shows would inevitably cover the latest event. Thus, we start the "trial" in our television sets or wherever we may be reading the paper.

Then when we opt to take sides on the issue, after much ado about legal court procedures, we act as judges, discerning what we think is true. While some, who have already convicted the President in this trial, even go out of their way to join the nearest protest to clamor for what they deem right as her punishment, others would rather go about their lives and wait for the proper forum (if it ever comes).

True, that proper forum is yet to be determined (or, God forbid, might not even happen), as no court can make the President accountable but the impeachment court. But we have to admit that she is indeed on trial by publicity. And, unfortunately, her weak public relations contribute to her looming defeat in the battle of public opinion.

In fairness to the media, what they have been covering (and sometimes, unearthing) the past weeks of the political crisis, are still in the context of what is newsworthy. But that doesn't acquit them of contributing to the growing conundrum.

Sensationalized

Though in general, newspapers and newscasts are not sensationalized, some of them tend to focus on what is more saleable to the audience. Imagine repeatedly hearing a remix of the President's and/or Roces' controversial speeches, or just even watching a news show where the anchors play hosts and comment on the news item, as if their opinions are supposed to interpret what they have just reported (all this in the guise of what can conveniently be called "reformatting").

In truth, we watch and read such "evidence" every day and repeatedly convict or acquit the President of whatever another witness would reveal. We become consenting victims. We get divided by beliefs that may be so emotional. We aren't sure if the claim is true. Then we create hysteria, as no judge greater than us can put us to order.

This is democracy when the fourth estate becomes a convenient public court of opinion, unfortunately in the guise of freedom of the press.

Solita Monsod in one of her columns blamed the media "in some way" for blurring the lines of generating and reporting news. We already have one complainant. Solita and I make two. Who's going to start the trial?

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Reds open door for talks to resume

LUCENA CITY—Now, the communist rebels want to talk peace again with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Yesterday, the National Democratic Front (NDF), the political arm of the communist insurgents, announced that it was for the continuity of peace negotiations.

"This must be stressed," Luis Jalandoni, chair of the NDF negotiating panel, said in an e-mail from Utrecht, The Netherlands.

He said there was also no reason why communications should stop to pave the way for dealing with issues prior to the resumption of formal talks.

Jalandoni said Ms Arroyo's preoccupation with surviving her presidency's worst crisis aggravated the administration's inability to comply with its obligations since June 2004, Jalandoni said.

"However, if the GRP (Government of the Republic of the Philippines) somehow manages to comply with its obligations in the agreements and answer satisfactorily the prejudicial questions raised by the NDFP, there is no reason why formal talks between the negotiating panels cannot be held," he added.

The NDF announced on July 20 its withdrawal from the peace negotiations, saying it would rather wait for the "next administration."

Peace talks between the government and the rebels have been suspended several times since these began in 1986.

Government responded by suspending the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (Jasig), which provides immunity from arrest for the communist leaders who took part in the negotiations.

The suspension takes effect on Sept. 3, a month after the government served a termination notice.

However, the NDF insisted that it had only postponed the formal talks of the negotiating panels.

The communists accused the Arroyo administration of misrepresenting the postponement as actual withdrawal of the NDF from the peace negotiations to suspend the effectivity of the Jasig.

The NDF retorted that the Jasig remained in force and could not be suspended unilaterally by either party.

It warned the government against harming members of its panel once the government considers the Jasig "suspended" by next month.

In its latest statement, the NDF noted that as far back as mid-2004, long before the Arroyo administration's crisis, it had been asking the government to comply with its obligations, especially that of undertaking effective measures regarding the "terrorist" listing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, the New People's Army and NDF chief political consultant Jose Maria Sison. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

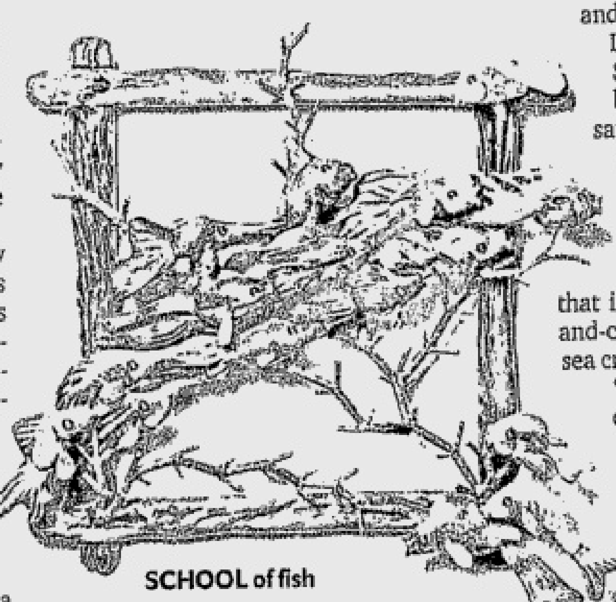
Driftwood turned into artwork by storm victims

ONLY four months after the families of Barangay Banglos, General Nakar, Quezon were trained on woodworking and sculpting, their work are now being exhibited at the Little Theater Lobby Wall of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Titled "Banglos: From tragedy to creativity," the exhibit presents the creative work of 30 Banglos artists who created their sculpture pieces from the wooden debris that destroyed their barangay last year.

The exhibit also features the works of their mentor, the noted sculptor Rey Paz Contreras and trainers Daambakal Sculptors.

The artists are residents of a small fishing community hard-hit by the successive typhoons that devastated most of Luzon last December. Contreras was enlisted in a project initiated by Smart Communications to help the families whose farms, fishing areas and homes were destroyed by the typhoons.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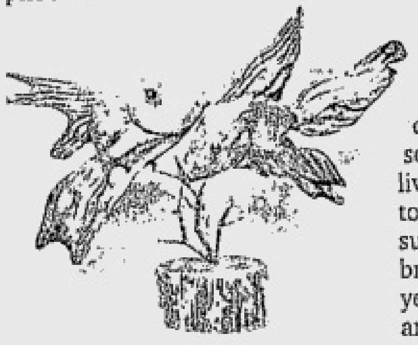

COUPLE of fish

Smart, a partner of the Kalinga Luzon, had adopted displaced families in Barangay Banglos as beneficiaries of a housing project to alleviate their plight after the tragedy.

"This is far more beautiful than *uling* (charcoal)," said Ramon Isberto, Smart public affairs chief.

Wood was being turned into charcoal by local folk and sold at P65 per sack, he said.

For the project's livelihood component, Smart introduced sculpture in April as a form of livelihood and tapped Contreras to provide the know-how. The result: driftwood and fallen logs brought down by heavy rains last year were turned into beautiful art pieces.

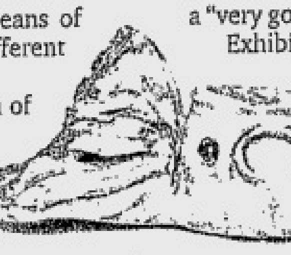
Under the tutelage of Contreras and his team of Daambakal Sculptors, the budding artisans were able to create tables, a six-seat bench and a dozen of other items that include mother-and-child pieces and sea creatures.

"What started out as a small project turned out to be one big showcase of undiscovered art talents. The Banglos folk had potential," said Contreras.

"Smart is honored to be a part of this initiative. For two weeks, we will continue celebrating the extraordinary talent of this community," said Isberto.

During the exhibit's opening Friday evening, Isberto said sculpting became a "healing balm" for the typhoon victims. The project is a means of "helping in a different way," he said.

Art as expression of community is also shown in the work produced by the Banglos folk, added Smart's community relations head Darwin Flores. The works reflect the spirit of the community, he said.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"I see a future where the farmers are artists, and the fisherfolk are artists," he said in a video shown during the exhibit's opening.

"Our audiences will be awed by the Banglos' powerful works. The story behind each sculpted piece, how these people are coping and helping bring their community back to life, will inspire viewers and draw them back," said CCP director Sid Gomez Hildawa.

At the exhibit opening, candles were lighted as a "symbol of hope and a gesture of rising from the dark hours of tragedy to the light of creativity," Hildawa said.

Isberto thanked Contreras and his family, the Daambakal Sculptors, the Gawad Kalinga, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the local government of General Nakar, volunteers from the Couples for Christ and the people of Banglos for the success of the project.

He also thanked the media for a "very good publicity."

Exhibit hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Mondays and holidays until August 28. For details, call 8323702.

Dispute stalls RP's 1st biomass power plant

LEGAZPI CITY—A dispute between the state-run National Power Corp. (Napocor) and its private sector partner, Sukhin Energy Inc. (SEI), an organization backed by American, British and Ukrainian investors, is causing the delay in the construction of the country's first biomass-fired power plant, a lawmaker from Bicol said in a press release yesterday.

The 5-megawatt plant, which would run on coconut husks, rice hulls and other agricultural waste that could readily be converted into fuel, was planned to be jointly put up by Napocor and SEI in the island-province of Masbate.

Biomass is one of the six renewable energy sources—the five others being hydro, wind, geothermal, tidal and solar.

Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago revealed that Napocor and SEI were currently locked in dispute that was an offshoot of Napocor's decision to involve another private firm in the project after it had inked an agreement with SEI.

He said the SEI had already completed all the groundwork to get the project started, including the important social preparation.

"We want the dispute settled posthaste so that the Bicolanos can start reaping the direct and indirect benefits of the project," Santiago said.

He added that apart from energizing communities in Masbate, the project promises to offer more income for thousands of small farmers throughout the Bicol region.

Since the facility will use plant matter waste, growers will have a ready lucrative market for their coconut husks and rice hulls, Santiago said.

The National Economic and Development Authority has declared the Bicol region as the second poorest region and Masbate province as the third poorest province in the country.

According to the Department of Energy, Masbate province only has 56 percent of its barangays with power.

Santiago urged Malacañang to step into the dispute to try to save the pioneering power plant.

"If necessary, the President should get involved so that the dispute may be settled quickly, and the project can be implemented without further needless delays," he said.

The project would give more meaning to Ms Arroyo's program to quickly develop energy solutions and alternatives based on locally available resources in order to reduce the country's dependence on costly imported crude oil, Santiago added. *Jed Ll. Bacason, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Rebels attack cell site

CAMP GEN. ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—Fifteen suspected New People's Army rebels attacked the cell site tower of Globe Telecom in a remote village in Calumpit town Thursday night, reports reaching this camp said. The armed men stormed the compound of the telecommunication firm's cell site in Barangay Meyto, took the guard's cell phone and gun and destroyed the tower's circuit board cabinet. Senior Supt. Benjamin Michael Fokno, Bulacan police director, said the attack was part of the NPA campaign against companies that refuse to pay revolutionary taxes. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, suspected rebels also burned the generator of the Globe cell site in Barangay Tabun in Angeles City.

Carmela Reyes with a report from Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Soldier slain in Sulu clashes

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A soldier was killed while 10 others were wounded during Friday's clashes involving the Abu Sayyaf in Indanan, Sulu. But Brig. Gen. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Task Force Comet, said many bandits were also slain or wounded during the seven-hour encounters in barangays Cagay and Langas. "Our wounded soldiers claimed that many casualties were monitored on the Abu Sayyaf's side," Aleo said. Indanan Mayor Salip Aloy said the group that figured in the clashes was led by Albader Parad, who is also known as Doctor Abu, and a Jing Dali. Aloy said Parad's group, with about 160 followers, suffered four deaths and 10 injuries.

Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

NPA killed, 4 captured

PAGADIAN CITY—A suspected New People's Army rebel was killed while four others were captured after an encounter with government troopers in an outskirt village in Tangub City in Misamis Occidental on Monday afternoon. Maj. Gen. Gabriel Habacon, commander of the Army's First Infantry Division, said the rebels were caught flatfooted when troops raided their lair in Barangay Prensa. The rebels, Habacon said, belonged to the NPA's Sandatahang Yunit Pangpropaganda (SYP). A brief gun battle ensued, he said, that led to the killing of Placian Sarajena alias Juvan. Two of those captured were also wounded. The soldiers also recovered five M-15 assault rifles and an M-203 grenade launcher. No casualty was reported on the government side. The wounded rebels were brought to the First Infantry Division Hospital in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur.

Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Militiaman shot dead

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Two suspected New People's Army rebels shot dead a human rights activist-turned-militiaman and wounded a civilian in Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro on Sunday. Chief Supt. Delfin Genio, Mimaropa police director, said the victim, Rex Barco, 42, was an active member of the Citizens' Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu). Wounded was civilian Jerry Marso, 38, of Sablayan town. Genio said Barco was riding in a jeepney when the two unidentified suspects boarded the vehicle in Barangay Poblacion at about 9:30 a.m. Moments after, one of the suspects drew a .45-cal. pistol and shot the victim at close range. Marso, who was sitting next to Barco, was hit by a stray bullet in the right cheek. Genio said the victim's decision to leave the militant human rights group Karapatan a few months ago to work as a Cafgu operative might have been the reason for the killing.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Bid to buy out Negros workers' loans a failure

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—A program designed to help debt-trapped provincial employees by buying out their loans from high-charging lending institutions and giving them lower interest rates through a cooperative, is failing.

This is because the employees went back to the lending institutions as soon as their debts were cleared.

"We can't stop the employees from going back to the lending institutions because it's their personal decision," said lawyer Ismael Martinez, head of the Provincial General Services Office and chair of the Negros Oriental Provincial Employees Multi Purpose Cooperative (Nopemco).

The Nopemco had obtained a P1- million loan from the provincial government to be used for the loan buyout program to be given to the members at only seven-percent interest per annum.

Under the terms of the provincial board resolution, the loan to be given to the cooperative will buy out the outstanding loans of the cooperative members from lending institutions so they will no longer patronize the same.

About 90 cooperative members availed themselves of the loan buyout program as of July.

Martinez said the program almost threw the lending institutions out of business, forcing them to lower their interest rates from a high of 18 percent to only 12 percent per annum.

The lowered interest rates also enticed the employees to return to the lending agencies to seek additional loans. "Some employees are really desperate. They need money for urgent matters, such as for the hospitalization of family members," Martinez said.

But a 12-percent interest, in addition to a four-percent service charge, does not necessarily come cheap. Computations done by cooperative officials revealed that one could only take a net amount of P29,000 out of a P40,000 loan.

This is because the interest for two years, as well as the service charge, is deducted from the amount that one intends to borrow.

There are about 400 Nopemco members out of the 1,500 employees of the provincial government.

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Learning from the ARMM polls

AT THE AMAI Pakpak Elementary School in Marawi City, election inspectors line up to receive their per diem of P2,000 for the work they did during the ARMM elections. LYN RILLON

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Marawi City

VOTING for the first time in an election of leaders of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), 18-year old Abdul Junayrah Amanodin said the fate of the regional government was far from her mind when she cast her ballot.

She went out to vote to help prop up the tally of the relative of a relative who aspired for a regional assembly seat.

RJ Ditucalan, who is in his 20s, was voting in the hope of installing a leader who could improve the way the regional government is ran. A son of a teacher, RJ is hoping the salaries of ARMM teachers will no longer be delayed "just like before."

The contrasting views of the youngsters depict the crossroad at which the ARMM lies and for which the region's electorate is made to choose: to continue being moribund or to be relevant.

If little change is any indication, the peaceful conduct of the Aug. 8 elections sets a modernizing atmosphere on the region's political culture that hopefully extends to the ARMM's institutional soul.

Known to be a hotbed of political violence and clan conflict, the region made a breakthrough with the peaceful balloting.

Journalists who are veterans in the coverage of ARMM elections all agree that this positive trend is something to take stock of. But save for this new face of the ARMM polls, much of the old were apparent.

Incidents of ballots being snatched, filled up and then entered into the ballot box for later canvassing were reported.

Vote-buying has become even rampant. Along with threats and intimidation, voters were being bought inside the polling centers.

The conduct of a homework election, that is doing the ballots on the eve of voting day, refused to be a thing of the past.

Indication of innovations in irregular electoral practice also showed in the Aug. 8 balloting.

There used to be voters who had cast their ballots as many times as the number of their fingers, which are evidenced by all the fingers marked with indelible ink. Clean hands is now the rule. Indelible ink was not put on voters' fingers, hence, they could vote as many times as the board of election inspectors (BEIs) allow them.

In at least four Lanao del Sur towns where this practice was observed, the turnout was abnormally high; a low of 87 percent and a high of 99.6 percent. Average turnout for the polls was 60 percent.

The Commission on Elections got some lessons from the Aug. 8 political exercise.

COMMENTARY

One of these, according to Commissioner Resurreccion Borra, is citizen vigilance and having civil society monitors watch the various stages of the electoral process to deter fraud and irregularities.

But as observed, civil society involvement had made only a nominal impact on fraud and irregularities, notwithstanding the deployment by several foreign governments of election observers.

It has, however, mobilized the youth in the political exercise not merely through voting but also in voter education and campaigns directed on the electorate—to go out and vote.

Another lesson for Borra is the effectiveness of Comelec's "tandem system" in which a local election official is assigned a co-officer in administering the polls, called special action officer (SAO). They are election officers from other regions deployed for poll duty during the ARMM election.

Borra said this system is designed to give local election officers a buffer and buddy, rendering them difficult to be swayed by threats and pressures.

This is shown in Lumbatan town of Lanao del Sur where the mayor allegedly bribed the municipal election official to suspend the balloting. While the local election official allegedly took the money, the SAO did not.

Hence, the matter made it to the attention of higher officials.

The setup of central counting centers in provincial capitals was also a welcome relief.

Abdul Datumanong, a teacher from Malabang town in Lanao del Sur said the teachers had to travel three hours to Marawi before they could start counting whereas this could also be done in their place.

Nevertheless, he preferred to travel farther but to a "safer place" to count the votes than "risk your life scrutinizing each ballot under an atmosphere of intimidation."

Alladin Abdullah, a teacher from Balabagan town said having the count in Marawi made it "free from external pressures."

When they were hauled towards Marawi, the vehicles had to travel in a convoy to prevent one from being hijacked.

But Borra found this a costly scheme if replicated during the national and local elections.

Improvement

One area that needs improvement is the timing of distribution of election paraphernalia. Considering logistical support and the terrain in getting to the polling centers, the balloting materials must be released for it to arrive at a time which gives BEIs only some moments to prepare before the official start of voting.

As Borra pointed out, distribution of supplies must be done "as close as possible to the day of election, but not long before that homework can be done."

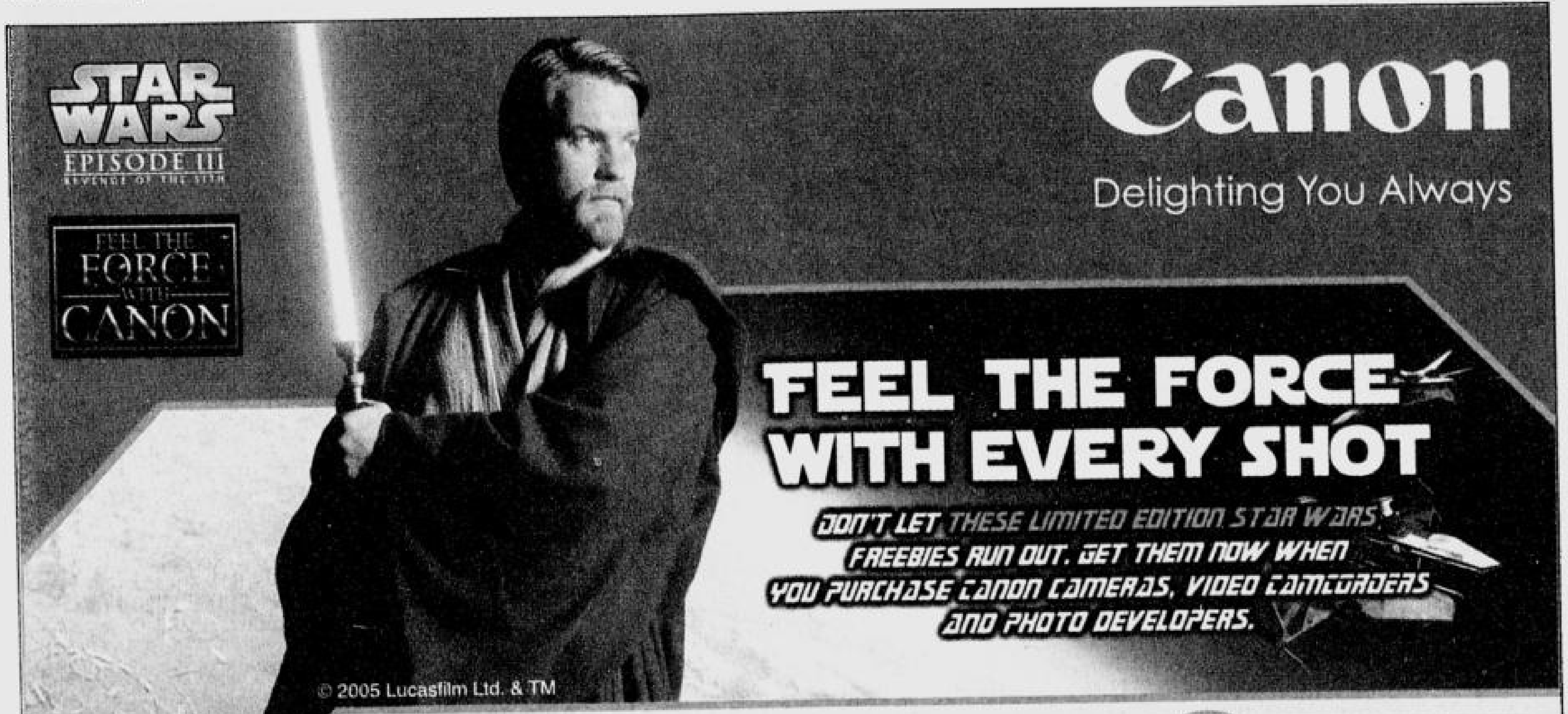
Further, security must not just be synonymous with deployment of forces. Active guarding must be the rule.

Borra admitted that BEIs were largely unable to manage the unruly crowd inside a polling center: armed men intimidating and buying out voters. If only security forces have acted out their role.

Take the 8th Marine Battalion troops and Philippine National Police scouts deployed in Pualas town of Lanao del Sur. They secured the polling center by not allowing nonvoters to enter its premises, save for monitors, journalists and accredited observers. Those who have voted were enjoined to get out of the precincts.

Taking stock of these lessons can only be meaningful if they translate to a more vibrant democratic tradition in the ARMM, which means the people taking the future of the region in their hands.

The turnout of the election, however, is far from being reflective of this. Generally, with only a few elective posts at stake, there is a lesser number of candidates who bought their way to electoral victory, hence, less incentive to vote, unlike in elections held to choose local leaders.



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'Ukay-ukay' brings used clothes into culture mix

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

THE TRADING of secondhand clothing has become part of Filipino culture.

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BAGUIO CITY—Globalization may be the bane of Third World countries today, but the success of Baguio's *"wagwag"* and Cebu's *"ukay-ukay"* suggests that Filipino women have found a way to tame global trade, according to a Canadian cultural anthropologist.

B. Lynne Milgram, professor of anthropology of the Ontario College of Art and Design, has been studying the flow of secondhand clothing from America and Europe to Third World ports in Africa and Asia.

On the surface, discarded Versace blouses that find their way to Baguio's *"wagwag"* houses are often described as approximations of how global capitalism penetrates "a passive culture" that feeds the populist notion that globalization imperils developing nations, Milgram said.

But the growth of the underground secondhand clothing trade in the Philippines convinced Milgram that Filipino women have successfully reshaped these products into indigenous commodities that are valued by Filipino customers for their new relevance to the local communities.

More importantly, this transnational product has helped people who rely on uneven farming to earn from an alternative livelihood.

Milgram, who is also research affiliate of the University of the Philippines Baguio's Cordillera Studies Center, presented her findings here in July.

Roots

In the journal, Anthropologica 46, which was published in 2004, Milgram pointed out that *wagwag* or *ukay-ukay* traders have "succeeded in indigenizing or instilling a locally-rooted provenance into this globally traded commodity."

This is established by the fact that Manila tourists, who scour through bins of bargain houses for low-priced jeans, would be drawn to the "Baguio *wagwag*" label rather than the Versace or Prada label of each piece of *wagwag* commodities.

Milgram said Manila tried to exploit this popularity branding their *"ukay ukay"* as "Baguio *wagwag* products."

She observed that *"ukay-ukay"* is "often the gift of choice..: instead of cash or new ready-to-wear garments."

"Ukay-ukay is in no way regarded as a second class gift because both givers and receivers pride themselves on their skills in sleuthing out bargains and proudly tell stories of their hunt for fashionable, yet reasonably priced outfits," she wrote.

Culture intrusion

These stories usually explore the reasons *ukay-ukay* is "not merely a result" of Western cultural intrusion into indigenous cultures but is an active contributor to the changes to global trade, she said.

"Wagwag" was coined by Cordillera traders from the act of dusting off and selling secondhand clothes. *"Ukay-ukay"* was derived by southern Philippine traders from the act of digging up secondhand clothing "from boxes and bales that are imported in ever increasing volume and sold in shops and open markets throughout the region."

Milgram acknowledged the irony that *wagwag* blossomed in regions which saw their own indigenous clothing trade wilt from the *wagwag* competition.

When the Philippines achieved complete emancipation from the American colonial government in 1946, it "initiated a policy of import substitution through local industrialization... to promote domestic manufacturing and preserve foreign exchange through the limiting of imports," she said.

Alternatives

This restriction helped develop a national garments industry that "provided alternatives to the household production of locally woven cloth, although indigenous weaving continues to be produced in provinces to fulfill the need for traditionally styled garments in ceremonial events," she said.

But Milgram said that access to secondhand clothing already grew after World War II in Southeast Asia.

"As the practice of wearing Western style clothing was firmly in place by the mid-1900s throughout the Philippines, people simply exercised their option to purchase *ukay-ukay*, and locally manufactured ready-to-wear garments, to meet their clothing demands," she said.

"In the Philippines, more dramatic increases in the importation of used clothing... coincided with government measures to loosen the stringent import restrictions... in the last half of the 1980s with the establishment of a new democratic government in 1986," Milgram said.

"In 2000 and 2001, there was an approximately 50-50 split between Philippine marketers who purchased their stock from suppliers dealing with clothing coming from Hong Kong and those who purchased stock from suppliers ...from Europe, the United States, Australia and Japan," she said.

"In late 2001, a small group of female Baguio City traders... forged an international linkage with Hong Kong suppliers in order to assume more control of this trade.

"By late 2002, their enterprises have grown to such an extent that many of the businesswomen renegotiated their warehouse leases to a yearly rental arrangement and hired family or former community member already living in Hong Kong to oversee warehouse operations when they are in the Philippines."

Benguet gov't to auction off Napocor property

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—Determined to collect P54 million in franchise taxes from the National Power Corp., the Benguet provincial government has decided to sell at a public auction all the pieces of real estate property of the state-owned firm found in the province.

The decision to levy Napocor's property was arrived at after the power agency refused to heed the provincial government's formal demand to pay, saying that as a public corporation, it had been declared by law to be exempt from all forms of taxes.

The provincial board passed a resolution asking Gov. Borromeo Melchor and provincial treasurer Mauricio Ambanloc to assess all the property of Napocor and have the P54-million claim be annotated on their land titles and tax declarations.

The annotation is preparatory to the sale of the property in a public bidding.

The tax was assessed on Napocor's operation of the Binga hydro electric power plant located in Itogon town.

But the Napocor is expected to block the move in a court battle since it has repeatedly argued against the legality of the provincial government's right to impose franchise taxes.

Lawyer Rainier Butalid, Napocor vice president and general counsel, earlier wrote Vice Gov. Crescencio Pacalso and said that Republic Act No. 6395, the Napocor charter, exempted the firm from all tax liabilities.

Butalid said the passage of RA 9136, also known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, even bolstered Napocor's tax exemption when the law said that power generation shall not be considered as a public utility operation which normally requires a franchise.

Since power generation is no longer treated as a public utility operation, then Napocor's operation of Binga plant no longer requires a franchise and the payment of a franchise tax.

Delmar Cariño, PI Northern Luzon Bureau

Governors welcome release by GMA of withheld IRA funds

GOVERNOR-members of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) hailed President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to release unprogrammed shares of local government units in their Internal Revenue Allotment.

In a statement, the league quoted different governors as saying the move was timely.

The move, the governors said, was in adherence to the recent Supreme Court decision which ruled that the withholding of IRA shares of LGUs which were set aside as unprogrammed funds by Congress in the General Appropriations Act of fiscal year 2000 was unconstitutional.

"I am expressing the entire sentiments of local government units. The money from the withheld IRA shares will certainly go a long way in meeting the needs of the LGUs," said Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III, head of the league.

Joson said Ms Arroyo, who dropped by during the LPP cocktails, truly recognizes the intrinsic value of local autonomy and the relationship of the LGUs with the central government in ensuring the delivery of basic social services to the people.

Much earlier, the President also authorized the payment of withheld IRA shares of the LGUs by two previous administrations and abolished the Local Government Service Equalization Fund, a program that was sucking portions of the IRAs of the LGUs themselves.

The Arroyo administration is expected to push through with the monetization program so that the IRA shares could be advanced by banking institutions, thus easing the burden on the government.

SC sacks judge mayor says got P1-M bribe

By Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NAGA CITY—Acting on a complaint of Mayor Jesse Robredo, the Supreme Court has relieved a regional trial court judge here on accusations of gross misconduct and other administrative offenses and for crime of bribery, graft and corruption.

In an en banc resolution on July 26, the SC ordered Judge Felimon Montenegro, presiding judge of RTC Branch 26 of Naga City, relieved "effective immediately."

The SC has ordered Montenegro to comment within a non-extendable period of 10 days upon notice.

In a complaint dated July 13, Robredo accused Montenegro of receiving a million-peso bribe following the issuance of an order that sought to eject the city hall and other government offices from its present site along J. Miranda Avenue.

Montenegro granted on June 20 the private property claimants' plea of an ejectment order and a demand payment of a monthly rental of P2.5 million beginning Nov. 30, 2003, against the Naga City government.

In addition to Robredo's complaint, a letter-complaint from a local newspaper editor has been added into the administrative case lodged against Montenegro.

In a communication dated Aug. 1, Chief Justice Hilario Davide referred to lawyer Ma. Luisa D. Villarama, acting clerk of court, a letter-complaint against the judge by Jose B. Perez, editor of local newspaper Bicol Mail, for inclusion in the en banc agenda of Aug. 2.

Perez accused Montenegro of vindictiveness and retaliation and grave abuse of authority with regards a contempt charge slapped on him.

The judge convicted Perez of indirect contempt on July 20, for writing the banner headline of the Bicol Mail that read: "Witness vs Judge Montenegro: Money changed hands in Naga ejectment case."

Perez was ordered to pay the maximum fine of P30,000 and committed to prison for 90 days.

"I find the sentence excessive and arbitrary that betrays the presiding judge's extreme personal hatred and scorn to a local newspaper editor who was only performing his avowed duty to uphold free press and the public's right to information," Perez said in his letter-complaint.

He questioned further the conduct and handling of the case of indirect contempt that lasted for three days from the day they were ordered to explain and to the day of his conviction.

Perez also noted the conscious delay in processes that denied him of his right to post bail because Montenegro did not include provision to fix bail for his temporary liberty in his decision that cited him with indirect contempt.

Dengue cases in Cebu province also alarming

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) reported that the number of dengue cases in Cebu province, like those in Cebu City, has also risen to alarming levels.

The IPHO reported a more than 200 percent increase in the number of dengue cases from the month of January until the first week of August this year compared to the total number of cases recorded for the whole year of 2004.

Dr. Pamela de la Cruz, officer in charge of the Provincial Epidemiology Surveillance Unit of the IPHO, however, said that while the sharp rise in the number of dengue fever cases was alarming it could not be considered an outbreak.

Health officials, both in Cebu city and province, have explained that an outbreak of any disease could only be considered if it has affected at least 35 percent of the population.

Incidents of dengue fever in Cebu since January until this week were reported to have reached 1,152 [669 in Cebu City and 483 in the province]. Cebu city and province has a population of 2.4 million.

The IPHO said that from January to August 1 this year, the number of dengue cases in 35 towns and 4 component cities of Cebu has reached 483 with 20 deaths, compared to 147 cases with nine deaths reported for the whole year of 2004.

The latest two deaths reported last week involved children from the towns of Ronda and San Remegio. A seven-year-old girl from Ronda town died at the Velez General Hospital in Cebu City on July 29. Another girl, aged 6, from San Remegio, died at the Visayas Community Medical Center on July 27.

De la Cruz said the number of dengue incidents could still go higher since there are 47 towns and six component cities in Cebu province. This means there are still 12 towns and two component cities that are yet to submit their dengue incident reports to the IPHO.

"Either these areas have no cases of dengue or that they have not reported their cases to us," De la Cruz said.

De la Cruz said the IPHO is doing everything to contain the spread of dengue through an information drive in the different barangays on how to prevent the spread of dengue.

But she said health officials do not encourage the people to conduct fogging operations because this is not the effective way to prevent dengue.

Instead, she said, communities are encouraged to clean their surroundings and rid their areas of possible breeding grounds of *Aedes aegypti*, the daylight-biting, dengue-causing mosquito.

Cory, Drilon, CBCP head meet over 'private, social' agenda

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—In what they described as a private and social meeting, former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino and Senate President Franklin Drilon on Friday met with Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, incoming president of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

The former president arrived with Drilon around 10:30 a.m. at the Iloilo airport and proceeded to the Archbishop's Palace in Jaro District.

The two, who had called for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo, were accompanied by Drilon's wife Mila, resigned Agrarian Reform Secretary Rene Villa and Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas Sr.

"I came here to greet His Excellency on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as bishop," Aquino in her trademark yellow dress told reporters after their meeting which lasted for around an hour and a half.

Lagdameo is commemorating the silver anniversary of his Episcopal ordination today.

Reporters were not allowed to cover the unannounced meeting at the prelate's office located at the second floor of the archbishop's residence.

Aides accompanying Aquino's entourage at first asked photographers and reporters not to take pictures and conduct interviews.

Asked whether they discussed the ongoing impeachment proceedings, Aquino said: "We mentioned it because that's one of options which the CBCP had proposed."

The former president said she hoped the impeachment proceedings will continue. "I hope that they will give an opportunity for all of us Filipinos to know the truth. And it would appear that it will be through the impeachment proceedings that we will be able to arrive at the truth," she said.

The CBCP has not supported the call of Aquino and Drilon for Ms Arroyo to resign but it said the President should not simply dismiss the call for her to step down.

It also said the filing of an impeachment case against the Chief Executive "is not against the Gospel."

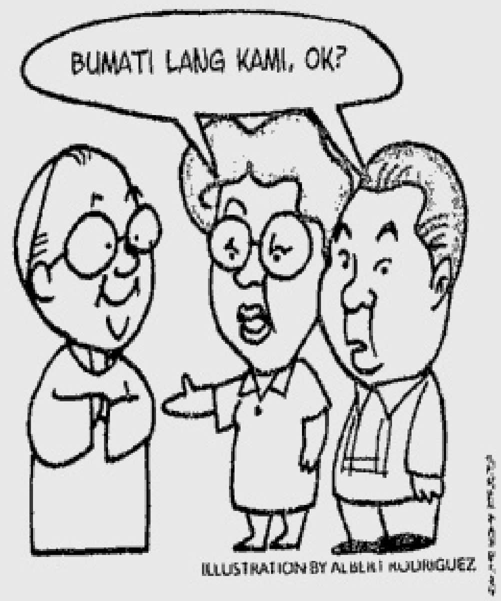
Drilon said he visited Lagdameo to congratulate the prelate and to accompany Aquino. But he admitted that they talked about the political crisis.

"We basically discussed the CBCP letter and in fact the position of the CBCP supports the impeachment process," said Drilon.

He said all of them were hopeful that the impeachment process would proceed.

Lagdameo was not available for comment after the meeting. His staff said he was busy entertaining relatives and other visitors who came for the anniversary commemoration rites.

Aquino also went to the Carmelite Monastery in Barangay Sambag in Jaro District and at the Iloilo provincial capitol before returning to Manila.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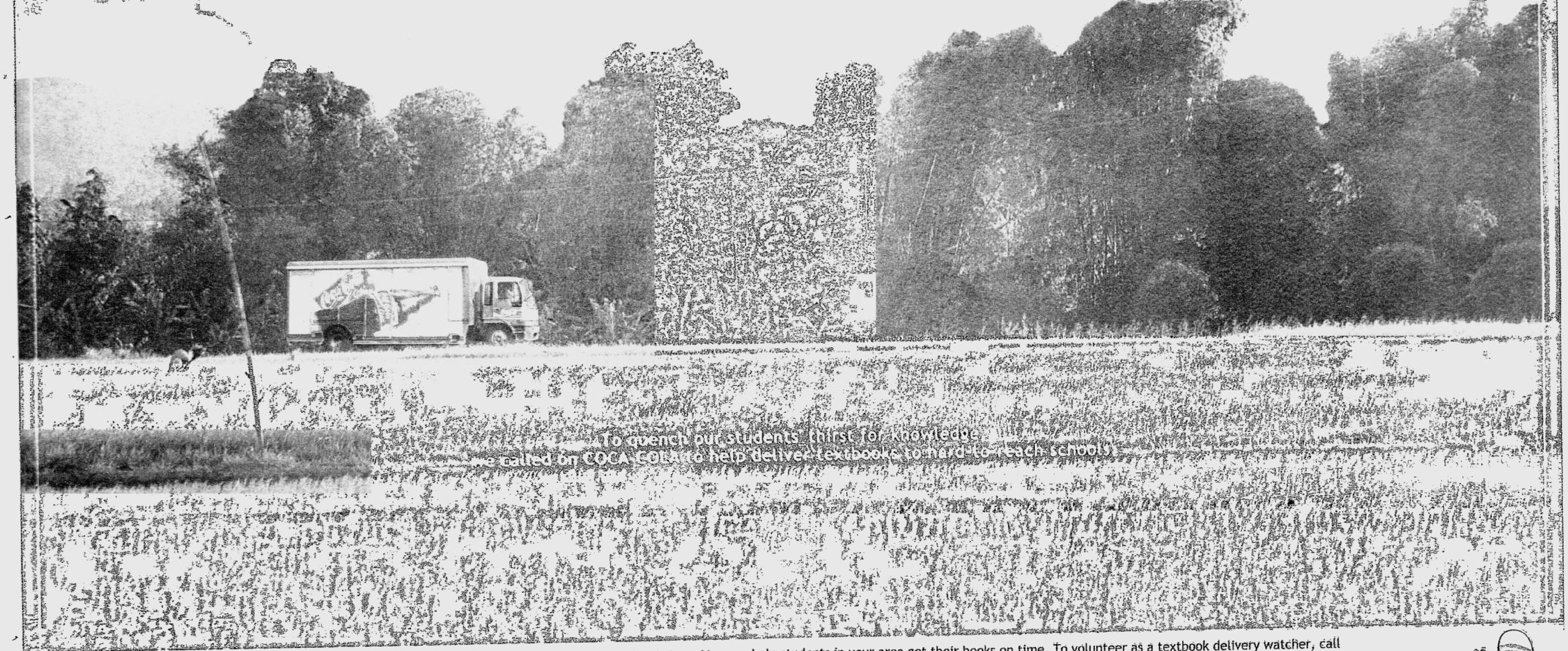
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'It's a matter of survival'

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- Cut the monthly consumption of electricity (in kilowatt-hours) and petroleum products (in liters) by at least 10 percent for a minimum period of three years starting January 2005;
- Purchase only energy efficient lighting fixtures, appliances and vehicles;
- Use alternative fuels such as biodiesel, ethanol and compressed natural gas; and
- Purchase only vehicles with a maximum engine displacement of 1600cc for gasoline and 2500cc for diesel.

Use bicycles

"I think it will be good if more will use bicycles here like in other countries, such as China," Ms Arroyo said. "I also encourage the people to just walk if the place they are going to is not that far. We can also ask students to join carpools where four students can ride in one car instead of four [cars]."

Bunye chimed in: "We should plan our trips, maintain our vehicles properly, turn off appliances not in use." Bunye said.

With the record price surges, New York futures have now rocketed by more than 160 percent since August 2002, when they stood at just $25 a barrel. They have jumped at least 60 percent since August 2004.

However, adjusted for inflation, they remain below levels reached in the wake of the 1979 Iranian revolution, when prices surged to upwards of $80 a barrel in today's money.

US stocks also tumbled Friday as the record high for crude oil and a bigger-than-expected US trade deficit prompted investors to retrench.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 85.58 points (0.80 percent) to 10,600.31 while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index slumped 17.65 points (0.81 percent) to 2,156.90.

"The petrol (gasoline) situation in the US is probably the most worrying factor at the moment, and it looks like it could be an ongoing problem because a shortage of refining capacity is not something that can be solved very quickly," Global Insight energy analyst Simon Wardell said.

Production shutdowns at strained US refineries are of particular concern for traders given strong gasoline demand during the US summer driving season.

PFC Energy analyst Seth Kleinman said oil prices were expected to hit $70 sooner rather than later, but he said that dealers were also aware of risks on the downside.

Developments in Mideast

"Even within the bull run there could be a significant correction and dealers do not want to be caught out," he said.

Also, traders have been fretting over developments in the oil-rich Middle East this week.

Saudi Arabia, the kingpin of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is on alert for possible terrorist attacks.

Iran, Opec's second-biggest producer, risks a showdown at the UN Security Council over its nuclear program. *With a report from AFP*

'An expert at altering evidence'

By Armand N. Nocum

ANTICRIME crusader Teresita Ang See yesterday warned that the participation of audio expert Jonathan Tiongco in the government's efforts to debunk the "Hello, Garci" tape would only confirm suspicions that Malacañang was desperate to extricate President Macapagal-Arroyo from the raging controversy.

Ang See, whom Tiongco had earlier implicated in the kidnap-slay of Betti Chua Sy last year, said the 35-year-old native of Iloilo was an expert in fabricating evidence.

"Rather than help [Ms Arroyo's] case, Tiongco would even do more damage to her because he is known to be an expert in altering evidence," Ang See said in a phone interview.

"People will be more suspicious that [the government is] deliberately altering the tapes to create more confusion," she said.

Before Environment Secretary Michael Defensor introduced Tiongco to the media on Friday as an audio expert, the latter, a son of a lawyer, had been passing himself off as a "paralegal expert" bent on helping the relatives of suspected kidnappers who had been killed or jailed.

Last year, Tiongco presented close to a dozen relatives of suspected kidnappers, all alleging that it was Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes, head of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NAKTF), who had ordered the spate of kidnappings and killing of "assets" who had supposedly intended to squeal on him.

Aside from preparing the written complaints and shepherding the complainants through the Ombudsman, Tiongco also organized press briefings.

In one of those briefings, Tiongco showed reporters an apparently fabricated photograph showing Reyes standing behind a suspected kidnapper who was later killed by NAKTF agents. Reporters noted that the image of Reyes was blurred, while that of the alleged kidnapper was not.

Ang See told the INQUIRER that at one time, Tiongco asked her to join him at a press briefing where she was to denounce Reyes.

She said that when she refused, Tiongco included her in the complaint of kidnapping and killing Sy against her suspected kidnappers.

Also among those charged were National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco, then Philippine National Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. and Supt. Jesus Verzosa.

Asked how she felt about Tiongco being the President's defender, Ang See said: "Mike (Defensor) did not do his homework."

"This is a sign of desperation," she said of Defensor's decision to use a man with a checkered record as an expert witness to debunk the "Hello, Garci" tape.

Crusader fights high fuel prices on the Net

DENVER—By day, Ken Colaizzi logs a lot of miles for his family's home-improvement business, and as he drives, he likes to note the price of gasoline at local stations.

At night, he becomes a kind of Walter Winchell of pump-and-pay, dishing the dirt about whose prices are hot and whose are not as a volunteer price spotter for denvergasprices.com, a comparative fuel shopping website.

"I like to expose the ones who are charging outrageous amounts," Colaizzi said. "People work hard for their money and the last thing you want to do is spend an extra 50 cents a gallon that you didn't have to."

For millions of Americans, filling up the tank has become an eye-popping experience this summer as prices reached levels that, after adjusting for inflation, have been seen only once on any sustained basis since World War II—in the late 1970s and early 1980s, when the Iranian revolution and the Iran-Iraq war disrupted global oil supplies.

The price continued to rise this week, reaching $2.41 on Friday, a record.

But as Colaizzi's adventures in cyberspace illustrate, America is in a very different place today than it was in the late 1970s. The tools to fight back have changed, for one thing.

From the Internet to the alternative fuel choices of ethanol and electricity hybrid technology—not to mention even more adventurous forays, like a school district in Georgia that is experimenting with chicken fat-laced fuel for its bus fleet—options abound. *New York Times News Service*

US expert: Anomalies, yes . . .

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Selle gave his phone numbers and references and suggested that the expert himself check with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dickey confirmed the INQUIRER report that he had found "several anomalies" on two tracks of the tape sent to him for examination.

But he refused to explain his technical findings.

'No political agenda'

Selle said Dickey was even more emphatic in denying having told his client that the tape was good as garbage:

"Give me a break. I have no political agenda. I just analyze materials. I have nothing to do with whatever interpretation they make [of my report] in the Philippines.

"You know, Lino, I am an analyst. I don't have any political agenda. I am reading all these newspapers that my name had been used. That's not what I'm paid for.

"I am unfamiliar with the Filipino language, so how can I have a scientific conclusion here? What is my political agenda here? There were so many voices on the tape. All I am saying is that there are some anomalies [in the tracks]."

Selle said he was convinced that Dickey was denying having concluded that the tape had been spliced.

Defensor's call

In the course of the broadcast, Defensor phoned the radio station and said it was Jonathan Tiongco, a Filipino sound engineer, who had quoted Dickey.

He said he had paid $3,500 for Dickey's services but that it was Tiongco who had found and spoken with Dickey.

"I said I understand from the discussions that have been had with Mr. Dickey—and I am particularly referring to Mr. Jonathan Tiongco—that if this will be the evidence used in the United States and even in the Philippines, it will be thrown into the garbage," Defensor said.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., who also has a weekly program on dzXL, said he was not surprised that Dickey would make the clarification.

"I can see that Mike Defensor really stretched the interpretation of the report because if they will not embellish it, no one will listen to them," Pimentel said.

According to the senator, however, Defensor's attempt to discredit the "Hello, Garci" tape did not matter because of Ms Arroyo's admission in June that she was the one talking to a Commission on Elections official on the tape.

But admission or not, the President is now making light of her voice.

In an interview yesterday with Tia Dely on dzRH radio, Ms Arroyo said: "In the last campaign, there were a lot of people who were with me who sounded like me, such as Ate Glow (a cross-dressing comedian). Of course, if you are the President and they hear you every day, there will be a lot of people who can mimic your voice."

Not even 'sorry'

Defensor is extending a conciliatory hand to opposition lawmakers pushing for Ms Arroyo's impeachment.

But with this condition, as he told the INQUIRER yesterday in a phone interview: "In the spirit of cooperation and reconciliation, I would ask the opposition [lawmakers] to submit their copies or versions of the tape, since they insist there are versions of it, and have these checked by Barry Dickey.

"If the tapes are found to be doctored, then they withdraw the impeachment complaint. They won't even have to say they're sorry ... If the tapes are not doctored, then we proceed with the impeachment."

Defensor said he would call Sen. Panfilo Lacson and opposition lawmakers in the House, particularly Taguig-Pateros Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano, tomorrow to personally make the suggestion.

He said he would like them to sign a joint statement if they agree to his proposal. The statement will not involve the resignation of anyone.

"Let us settle this once and for all so the people don't get confused," he said.

'Thank you'

Asked how the President had reacted to his initiative and Dickey's findings, Defensor said: "Nothing. She just said 'Thank you.'"

He said he was not sure Ms Arroyo's legal defense team would use Dickey's findings as evidence, but pointed out that the report would enhance the team's position.

He also said the report would serve to dissuade legislators who presume Ms Arroyo is guilty from signing the impeachment complaint.

"It makes a very big difference," Defensor said of the report, which some lawmakers had dismissed as inadmissible evidence.

"You hear the opposition saying all things against the President. If they appreciate this evidence, then they would not be signing the impeachment complaint," he said.

The complaint, based on wiretapped conversations involving Ms Arroyo and a Comelec official and purportedly showing fraud in the 2004 presidential election, has been endorsed by 43 lawmakers.

It needs 36 more signatures before it can be transmitted to the Senate for an impeachment trial.

Voluntary Truth Test

Cayetano is not about to agree to Defensor's proposal—not until the latter convinces Ms Arroyo to sign a Voluntary Truth Test (VTT), which stipulates that she will resign if the "Hello, Garci" tape is authenticated.

"The VTT is a fair, expeditious and constitutional way of resolving this crisis," said Cayetano, spokesperson of the impeachment prosecution team.

"If he's so sure about his findings that the tapes are fake, why wouldn't the President sign? Unless of course they know something we don't," he added.

Cayetano also said Malacañang had disowned Defensor's actions on the "Hello, Garci" tape: "Two times Malacañang denied his authority [to act]. First, it was Secretary [Rigoberto] Tiglao and now [Press Secretary Ignacio] Bunye who said he was acting on his own. They were washing their hands like Pontius Pilate."

But Cayetano said proimpeachment lawmakers were prepared to give up their posts if their version of the tape were proven false.

"Not only will the proimpeachment congressmen resign, we will also serve under an Arroyo administration for free," he said.

'Resourceful fellow'

As though to debunk Cayetano's "Pontius Pilate" allegation, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said the Palace saw nothing "irregular or abnormal" about what Defensor had done.

"In fact, we think this would help in resolving the [impeachment] case," Ermita said.

He also said Defensor was "a very resourceful fellow."

Bunye shrugged off the comment of Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, an administration stalwart, belittling Defensor's action: "We respect [Pichay's] opinion. But I think Secretary Defensor has a point to explain based on the testimony or evaluation of an expert ... We think this is the first time that we have had an expert evaluation on a particular piece of evidence." *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza and Gil Cabacungan Jr.*

More oil firms hike prices

By Abigail L. Ho

RESPONDING to rising world market prices, oil majors Petron Corp., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines Inc. hiked the prices of their gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter.

Caltex jacked up pump prices at 12:01 a.m. yesterday, while Shell increased its prices at 6 a.m., also yesterday.

Petron increased its prices also by 50 centavos per liter effective today.

Independent oil firm Flying V will be implementing a similar price hike at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

With the increase, premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P32.54 and P33.42 a liter, diesel at between P29.29 and P30.98 a liter, and kerosene at between P30.50 and P32.01 a liter.

Since the start of the year, prices of both gasoline and diesel have increased 15 times by a total of P7.85 and P7.55 a liter, respectively.

Total (Philippines) Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp., Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. and Seaoil Petroleum Corp. earlier announced price increases of the same level, which took effect yesterday.

The still-escalating prices of oil in the world market prompted the oil firms to implement the new pump price increases.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the regional benchmark Dubai crude had skyrocketed to an average of $55.29 a barrel in the Aug. 1-11 period, more than $2 higher than the July average of $52.83 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products likewise soared to an Aug. 1-11 average of $69.57 a barrel from only $64.70 a barrel last month.

MOPS-based diesel, however, declined to an August average of $70.09 a barrel from the July average of $71.38 a barrel.

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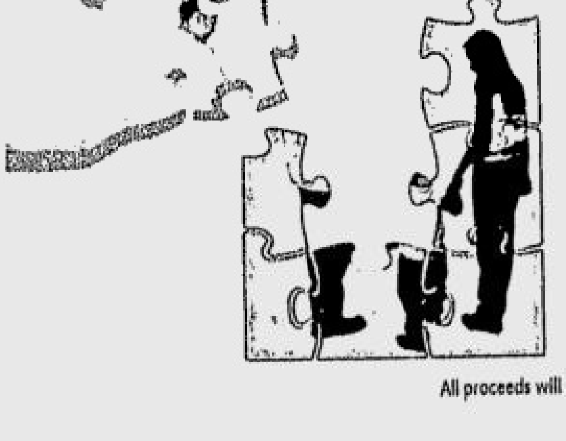

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Fake P500s distributed in QC

By Tina G. Santos

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has arrested a man and a woman in Quezon City for circulating counterfeit P500 bills.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco identified those arrested as Pedro Layag Mazo, 34, of Marikina City; and Teofila Garma Argao, 46, of Caloocan City.

Tipped off

The NBI-Counter Intelligence Division (CID) disclosed that an informant went to the bureau and provided information regarding the alleged sale of fake P500 bills in the vicinity of Farmer's Market in Cubao.

P170 for P500

The person selling the fake bills turned out to be Mazo, who reportedly sold bogus P500 bills for P170 a piece.

After verifying that the bills were indeed fake, an entrapment operation was planned by the NBI together with a team from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The arrest came after the suspect handed counterfeit bills to a poseur-buyer in exchange for marked money, the NBI said.

During interrogation, Mazo pointed to Argao as the source of the counterfeit bills. This prompted the NBI to conduct another operation, this time, to entrap Argao.

Authorities seized 65 pieces of fake P500 bills from Argao and 12 pieces from Mazo.

Charges for violation of Article 168 of the Revised Penal Code (Illegal Use of Fake Treasury or Bank Notes or Implements for Falsification) were filed against the suspects before the Caloocan City Prosecutor's Office.

Police start sweep of Baclaran area

By Jocelyn R. Uy

SLOWLY but surely.

That is the new approach that the Parañaque City government is taking to solve the recurring problem of illegal vendors impeding traffic in the Baclaran area.

On Friday, the Parañaque City police, along with Baclaran barangay officials started clearing Roxas Boulevard and Redemptorist Road of hawkers, police chief Supt. Ronald Estilles said in a phone interview yesterday.

"It was our initiative to clear them gradually because if they were cleared in an instant, some were bound to get hurt," Estilles said.

He cited a clearing operation in 2003 in which three vendors and three members of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) were killed.

For his part, Mayor Florencio Bernabe said yesterday that he instructed the police to begin the cleanup ahead of a planned clearing operation of the MMDA.

"This is so that the MMDA would no longer have problems," he said.

The MMDA is planning clearing operations in the Baclaran area in preparation for the implementation of its Organized Bus Route (OBR) scheme.

Ambulant vendors have been encroaching on the sidewalks and roads of Baclaran and causing traffic.

With the cleanup, around 2,000 vendors—from sampaguita lei and religious image peddlers to herb and juice hawkers—would be barred from the area, Estilles said.

Vendors with permanent stalls would be allowed to stay, the mayor said.

The MMDA has met with Southern Police District police officials, Parañaque and Pasay City police chiefs and barangay officials last Thursday to discuss the cleanup.

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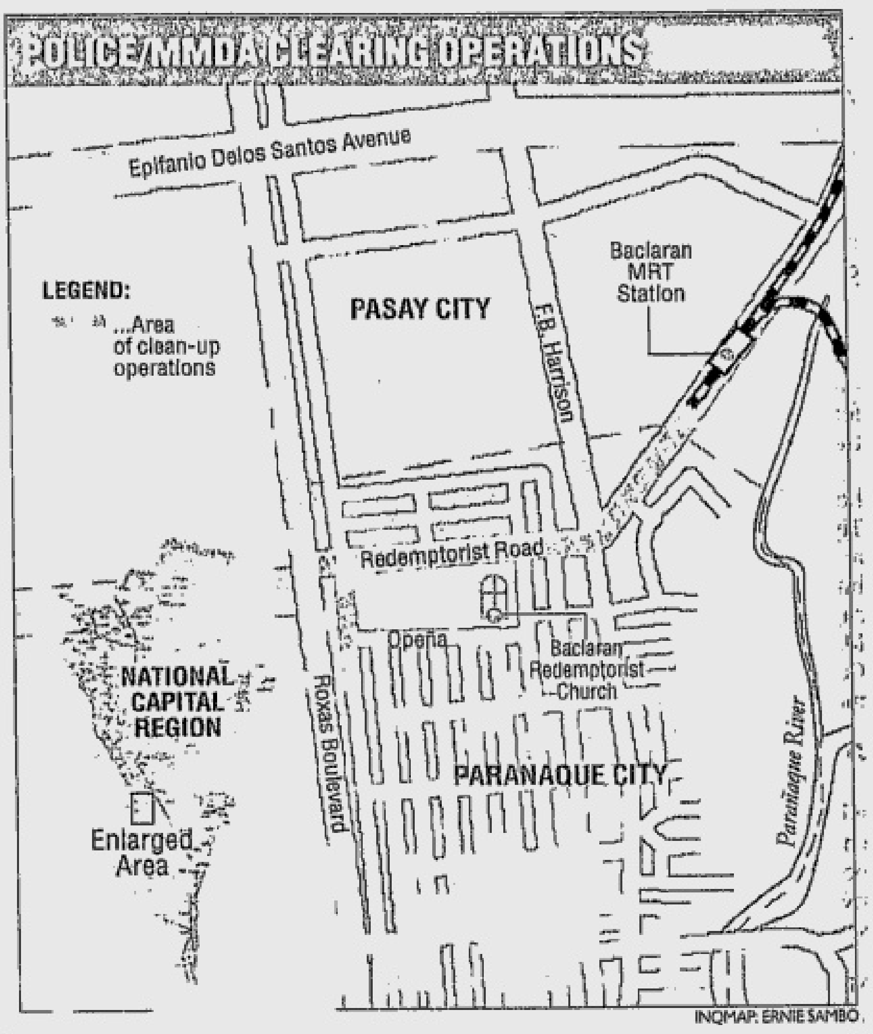

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In a previous interview, MMDA Traffic Operations Center Executive Director Angelito Vergel de Dios said the presence of illegal vendors in Baclaran had created problems for the implementation of the OBR.

OBR is a scheme aimed at controlling the number of buses plying Edsa at any given time. A key component of the scheme are "endpoint terminals" which would serve as holding centers for buses.

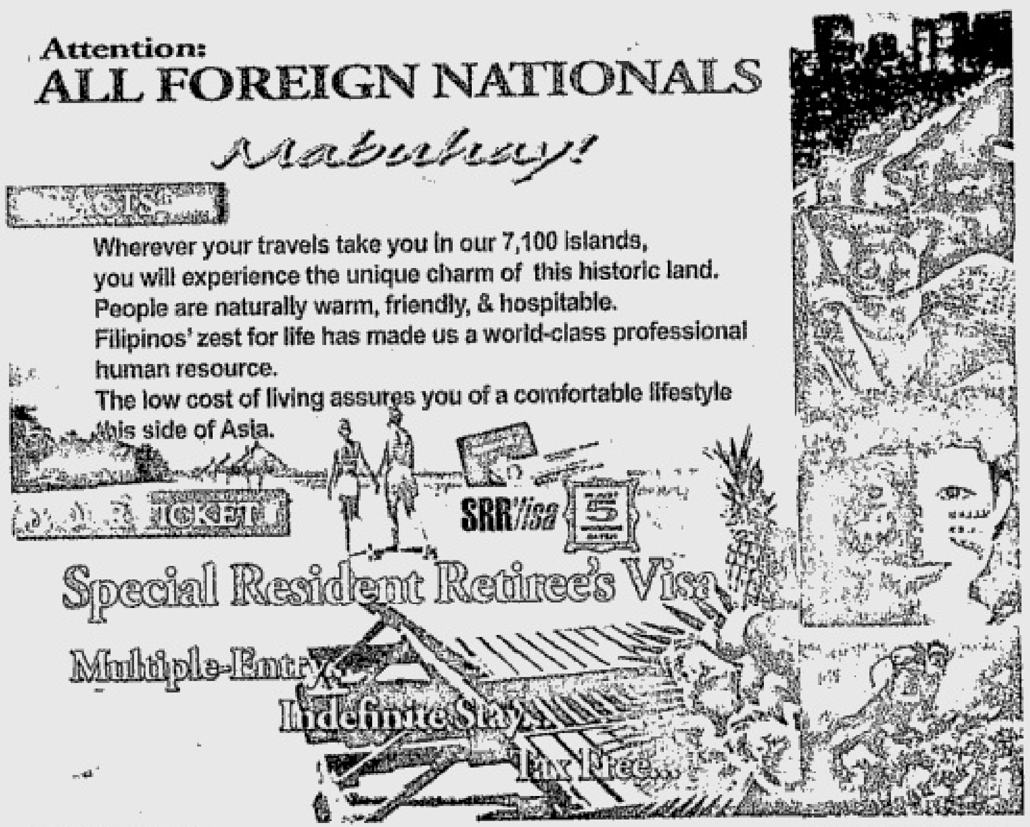
One of the six OBR endpoint terminals is in Baclaran.

"Baclaran is one of the most important component of the OBR," Vergel de Dios said.

The other five terminals are in Navotas, Malanday, Novaliches, Bicutan and Alabang.

The other day, the service road on Roxas Boulevard, fronting the Mother of Perpetual Help National Shrine and the Redemptorist Road were cleared of vendors, Estilles said.

"We talked with the leaders of the group, we gave them a warning," he said, relieved that there was no resistance among the vendors when they cleared the area Friday.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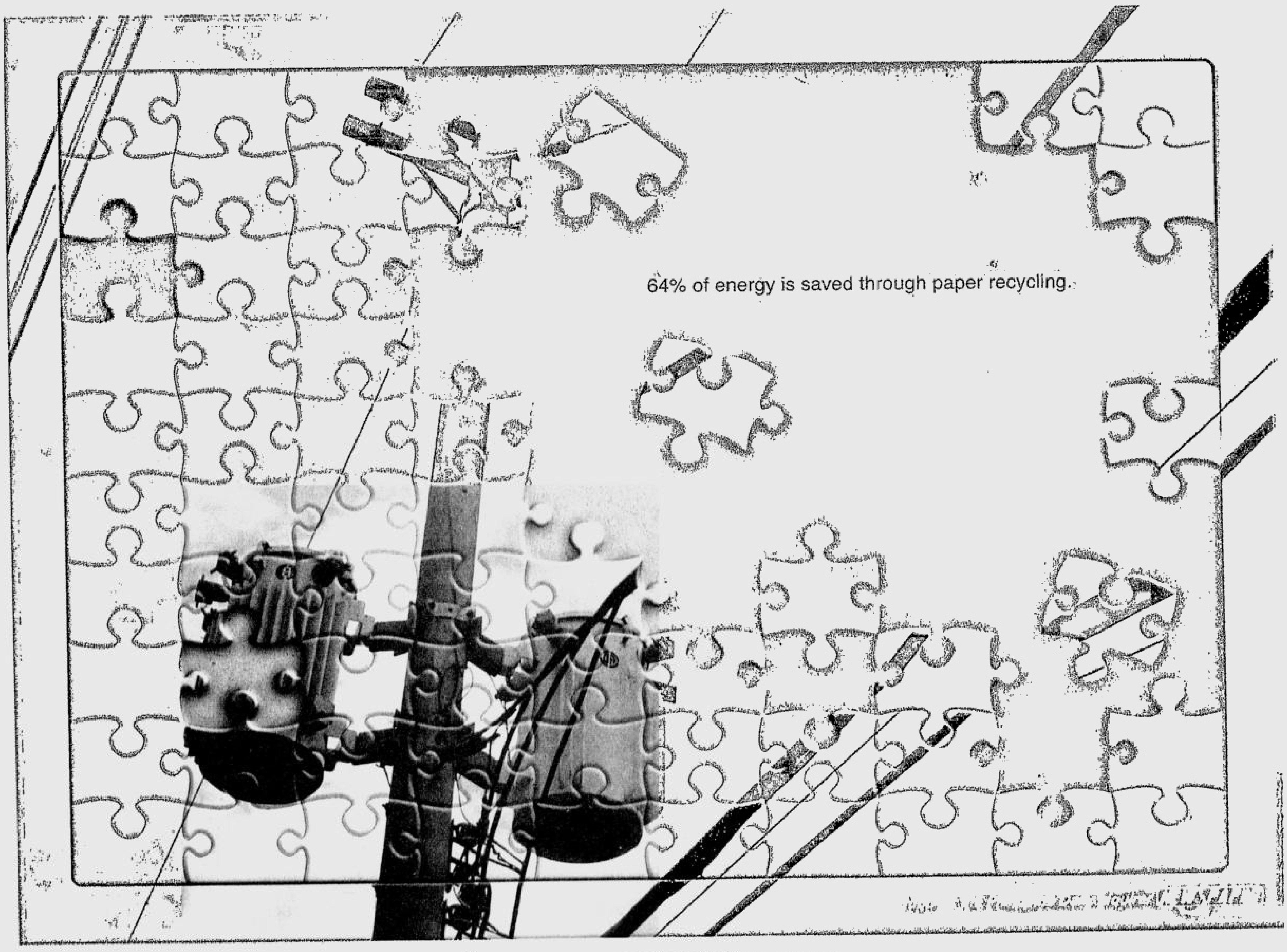
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The young voices of Makati

By Tarra V. Quismundo

TIPLES of Makati members practice under the leadership of trainor Al Mendoza on the piano.

RYAN LIM

AMID the noise of traffic, the hustle and bustle of business, and high-technology pleasures, small voices are hoping to present the gentler side of Makati City, the country's business and commercial hub.

In different languages and varied beats, the Tiples ng Makati, a modest chorale of public elementary school children, has been offering songs of love and joy to their home city since 2002.

"Aside from (showcasing) homegrown musical talents, the Tiples could promote… traditional music not only within the city, but eventually outside as well," says Joey Salgado, head of Makati City's Information and Community Relations Department.

A continuing tradition

The new choir picks up from where a defunct community choral group in the '70s left off. It began in 2002 through the initiative of the city government's Museum and Cultural Affairs Office.

Tiples is Spanish for soprano. Members of the choir were chosen from the best in the city's public schools. The one qualification needed: the ability to sing in the male soprano voice.

"My sole goal actually is for them to sound like the real *tiples*, angelic voices with the right technique, the right discipline in singing," says trainer Al Mendoza.

Pre-adolescent

Mendoza was part of the screening committee that held grueling auditions for the pre-adolescent singers three years ago.

"(After the screenings) there's another audition of the selected ones so we could see how well they could harmonize, sing with the group… singing solo is different from singing with a group," Mendoza says.

The new Tiplės has 22 members, aged 9-13. Half of the present choir are old members, while the other half are fresh inductees, replacing those who graduated from elementary in March. Mendoza says the age limit has to be strictly maintained as the male voice naturally grows deeper through time.

"Of course they were all raw (and were only) trained by me. The basics and fundamentals of singing they have to understand," says Mendoza, a long-time mentor of singing groups.

International repertoire

The choir now has a repertoire of about 40 songs, including German, Italian and Filipino songs that they perform in formal gatherings and City Hall events.

"I don't really think about sounding like (other groups)," says Mendoza, referring to other all-male choirs, like the renowned Vienna Boys of Austria.

Tiples ng Makati members rehearse for two hours Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the Museo ng Makati.

Members are fetched from their respective schools after classes and, to piano accompaniment, practice vocal placement, pronunciation, and blending.

"The workshops are fun. We have vocalizations and the songs are beautiful. Our trainer told us we should not mind when we make mistakes and just continue singing," says Dondee Lois Villanueva, 11, a sixth grader at the Francisco Benitez Elementary School.

He is among the first members, joining Tiples when he was in third grade.

A training in discipline

"The training teaches them discipline and, of course, the right way to sing. When I am in front of them, they are very well disciplined. They are afraid of me. There is also value formation because I train them to be very responsible. They should never be late for rehearsals," says Mendoza, a stern taskmaster.

Besides learning local *kundiman* and novelty songs, the group also learns foreign language pieces that are included in their repertoire for formal gatherings.

"He (Mendoza) tells us what the words mean so we understand and sing them well," says Villanueva.

"We hold drills… sometimes it takes 45 minutes just to perfect a pronunciation. I explain to them what they are saying," says Mendoza.

Members are also trained to maintain proper posture when performing, and sing even when there are some distraction.

"We should never slouch when seated, and we should (keep our eyes focused)," says 9-year-old Jose Dizon, citing two of a long list of don'ts during practice.

Laughing, scratching, and moving the head, arms, and feet, are strictly prohibited, says the members.

Tiples ng Makati could perform anything from German lullabies and Italian church hymns to local masterpieces like "*Sa Ugoy ng Duyan*" and novelty songs like Parokya ni Edgar's "*Mr. Suave*," one foot in front of the other, back straight, arms on the side, and eyes looking up front.

The choir has performed Christmas carols twice at the Ayala Center, rendered classics at the Shangri-La Hotel, and had a mini-concert at the University of Makati last year.

A little nervous

"We feel happy and excited every time we perform because other people will get to see us, although we get a little nervous, too," says John Paul Lim of the Jose Magsaysay Elementary School, the oldest at 13.

The members receive an allowance of P50 after every rehearsal. The boys say they usually give the money to their parents, or use it for their school needs.

Despite their involvement in the choir, members are also expected to maintain an average grade of at least 85 percent in school.

"We only practice after school. So once we get home, we immediately do our assignments," says Lim.

Still a time for play

Like typical children their age, Tiples members find time to play basketball, badminton, table tennis, and other sport during their free time.

The playful mood disappears once they face an audience. The group hopes to join competitions one day and bring honor to their city.

"We're still on the honing stage, though they are ready and they definitely have the potential. I hope they could participate in international choral festivals someday, because they have the musicality and they have the ear for it," says Mendoza.

Munti says goodbye to a 'son'

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FROM a small town 10 years ago, Muntinlupa City has grown in splendor. And it all started with a man who greatly believed in what was then a municipality waiting to take off.

The great believer was then Sen. Raul Roco, who was embraced by the city as its adopted son out of deep gratitude and appreciation.

"We are deeply saddened by Senator Roco's untimely death," said Mayor Jaime Fresnedi, as he acknowledged that Roco was instrumental in the founding of Muntinlupa City.

The mayor said that Roco was not just a friend to Muntinlupa residents but a man who saw hope for the city.

Roco, a former senator, congressman and education secretary, succumbed to prostate cancer on Aug. 5 at the St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City.

In 1994, while advocates of Muntinlupa's cityhood struggled to advance the cause in Congress, Roco offered his help. He filed on Aug. 1, 1994, Senate Bill 1821, which sought cityhood for Muntinlupa.

President Fidel V. Ramos, on March 1, 1995, signed into law Republic Act 7926, converting Muntinlupa into a first-class city.

In 1996, the City Council declared Roco an "Adopted Son of Muntinlupa," a distinction given to non-residents who have done exemplary deeds for the city.

The only other adopted "son" of Muntinlupa City is the late Japanese philanthropist Kiyoshi Osawa, who supported the city's projects through donations.

The city will observe a moment of silence tomorrow during its weekly flag-raising ceremony in honor of Roco.

NCRPO orders updating of criminals' list in Metro

By Nancy Carvajal

POLICE commanders around Metro Manila have been ordered to upgrade their order of battle in the face of rising incidence of crime.

An order of battle refers to the roster of criminals with their designated rankings based on the notoriety of their activities.

"The order of battle is always available but it had to be updated and verified," said a police official involved in the war against crime.

National Capital Regional Police Office Chief Director Vidal Querol called for an updated criminal list in a directive to police district heads in Metro Manila, said the official, who asked not to be identified.

Querol issued the order as police forces went on high alert following two bomb attacks in Zamboanga City that injured about 30 people and the kidnapping of an 11-year-old son of a Filipino-Chinese couple in Manila.

Police were sidetracked

The police official said the heads of the eastern, western, southern and northern police districts were instructed to prepare a new order of battle owing to a rising incidence of crime, including kidnap for ransom, robberies, drug trafficking and petty crimes.

He said a notable increase in index crimes had been observed in the past months because police were saddled with other operations.

"The police were sidetracked with the destabilization acitivities that led to the increase [in] criminality," the police official said.

Southern Police District Head Chief Supt.Wilfredo Garcia confirmed the new directive and said that the order was meant to curb a "slight" increase in criminality, particularly KFR cases.

"Aside from intensified police presence, we were ordered to draw the order of battle," Garcia said in a telephone interview.

Discipline 'kotong' cops

To improve community confidence in the police, the various commands were also ordered to focus on disciplining "*kotong*" and rogue cops.

The NCRPO also told police officials that commanders in charge of "*kotong*" and rogue cops were now equally liable to administrative charges.

"On the basis of command responsibility, the superior of a cop who would be found guilty of *kotong* would also be charged," Garcia said.

Garcia said one of the reasons for the decline of public confidence in the police was the perception that they could not be trusted owing to the activities of rogue cops.

"The perception should be corrected by showing the public that it's not being tolerated," Garcia added.

The districts heads were also reminded to intensify police visibility in their areas, he said.

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VALENZUELA Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian unveils the marker during the turnover rites of the newly constructed 15-classroom extension building of the Valenzuela Science High School in Dalandanan. Dr. Alma Bella Bautista, East DepEd Schools Division superintendent assists the mayor. The new classrooms are part of 100 rooms constructed from local funds in the first year of Gatchalian's term in office.

Fire hits NCMH

PANIC gripped the National Center for Mental Health compound in Mandaluyong City after a fire broke out at the ground floor of the two-story Building 3, particularly at the Miraculous Medal Curcillistas Credit Cooperative office at 2:20 a.m. yesterday. No one was hurt in the blaze, which lasted for 45 minutes. *Tina G. Santos*

Police, PLDT vs thieves

IN A BID to stop the theft of telephone wires in the cities of Caloocan, Malabon, and Valenzuela and the town of Navotas, the police and the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. have agreed to launch project "Sweeper." The project stemmed from the losses of PLDT due to theft, vandalism and sabotage of the company's cables, cabinets and manhole covers that have occurred in the area. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

Bag with P.3M returned

A CUSTOMER who left his bag containing cash and checks amounting to almost P300,000 at Harvey's Valenzuela last July 1 expressed gratitude for its immediate return by the store's personnel. Samuel Tan Adano of Karuhatan, Valenzuela City left his money bag at Harvey's at about 10 a.m. but recovered it at 3 p.m. on the same day. Harvey is owned and operated by Pure Value Foods, Inc., which also manages Puregold Inc.

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FAR EASTERN U's Arwind Santos (right) and Philippine Christian's Gabby Espinas, reigning MVP's in their respective collegiate leagues, position themselves in a loose ball scuffle. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

PBA rookie draft today

By June Navarro

WITH Air21 Express openly declaring its intention to make Anthony Washington the top overall pick, the spotlight has shifted to Sta. Lucia Realty in this year's PBA Annual Rookie Draft.

The Realtors have kept their choice for the second overall pick a secret going into today's rookie exercise set at the Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall in Cainta, Rizal.

While 6-foot-1 guard Alex Cabagnot was earlier floated as their chief preference, the Realtors' top rookie will be known only when PBA Commissioner Noli Eala goes to the podium and announces Sta. Lucia's choice.

Coca-Cola, which owns the third overall pick, is eyeing Far Eastern U playmaker Dennis Miranda, who impressed former Tigers' coach Chot Reyes during the RP team's Jones Cup stint.

"It will really depend on who Sta. Lucia and Coca-Cola will get," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio, who owns the No. 4 pick.

"If they (Tigers) pass up on Miranda, we might get him," added Gregorio. "Otherwise, we'll pick (Jondan) Salvador."

The Express are hoping to use their second and third picks (fifth and sixth overall) in the first round to select La Salle's Mac Cardona and UE's Niño Canaleta.

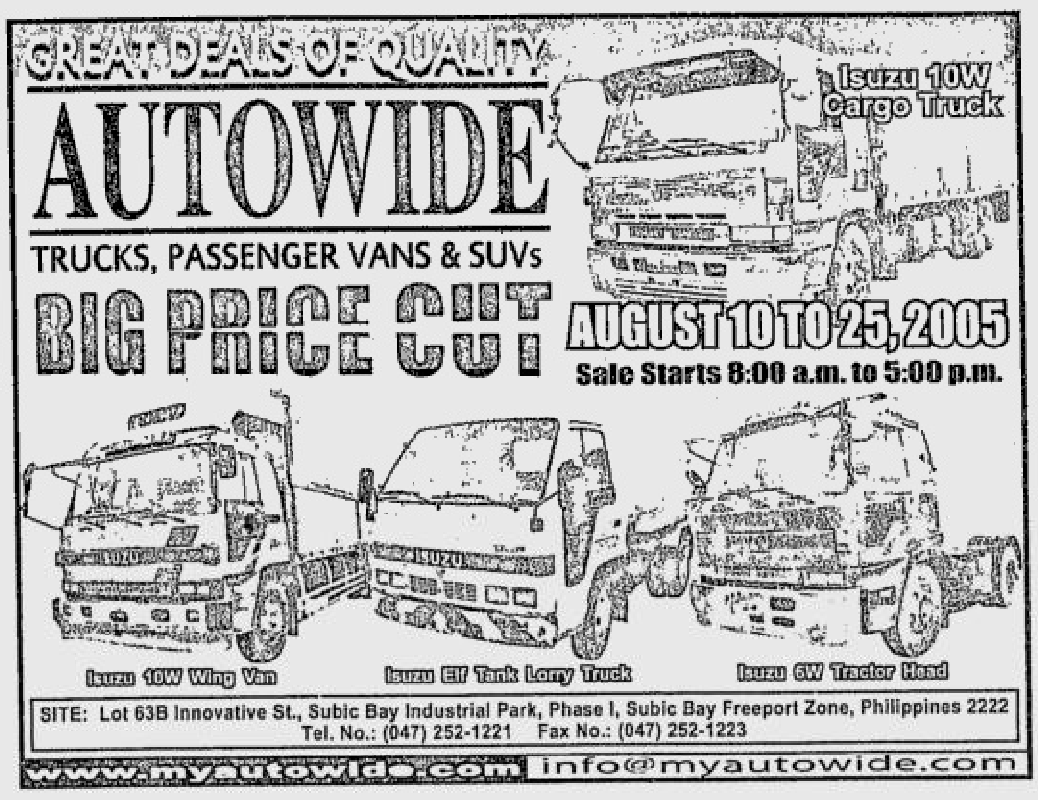
Air21 Express got Red Bull's fifth overall pick by dealing Omanzie Rodriguez to the Barakos. Shell was supposed to pick sixth but its draft rights were canceled after filing a leave of absence from the league.

Wrapping up the first round are Barangay Ginebra (7th), San Miguel (8th) and Red Bull (9th).

The league has shortened this year's draft to two rounds, allowing only a maximum of 18 players to be selected and putting 31 other players on the unrestricted rookie free-agent list.

They will add to the list of free agents in the PBA, which bloated after seven of Shell's 18 players were untouched during the dispersal draft.

A list earlier released by the PBA showed that 42 players have expired contracts, a handful have pacts that will end in October, and 24 others have contracts that will end in December.



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Tams gun for No. 8 vs Warriors

By Jasmine W. Payo

FAR EASTERN U stakes its pristine record when the Tamaraws take on the dangerous University of the East Warriors today in an encounter between two teams that are wary of how much fuel their top guns have after a busy UAAP weekend.

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9:30 a.m.—UP vs UST (Jrs)
11:30 a.m.—FEU vs UE (Jrs)
2 p.m.—UP vs UST (Srs)
4 p.m.—FEU vs UE (Srs)

The schedules of the Tamaraws and the Warriors were pretty much the same yesterday: practice for today's game and a stopover at the Araneta Coliseum for the Bantay Bata 163 UAAP-NCAA All-Star festivities.

FEU's Arwind Santos, RJ Rizada, Mark Isip and Jeff Chan and UE's Marcy Arellano, Bonbon Custodio and Earn Saguindel troop back to the Big Dome for today's match at 4 p.m. with FEU coach Bert Flores aware that a repeat of his team's first-round cruise seems unlikely this time around.

"We have to work even harder because all the teams are starting to play well, especially Ateneo and UE," said Flores, whose wards plunge into the second round of the UAAP basketball eliminations looking for an eighth straight victory.

Earlier, the University of the Philippines Maroons will be without measles-struck main man Abby Santos when they begin their second-round campaign against the University of Sto. Tomas Tigers at 2 p.m.

The Warriors, who share second spot with Ateneo at 5-2, have been making things happen with a young crew led by Arellano.

"FEU is playing so well because of their veteran players," noted UE coach Dindo Pumaren.

Spearheading FEU's charge will be the do-it-all Arwind Santos, who finished with 17 points and nine rebounds to lead the UAAP 1 squad. With the FEU and UE players performing guardedly, UAAP 1 got waylaid by NCAA 1, 76-64.

NCAA 2 (Letran, St. Benilde, Mapua and San Beda) completed the sweep with an 88-81 triumph over UAAP 2.

Rey Guevarra of Letran won the slam dunk tilt with a 360-degree jam. San Beda's Alex Angeles ruled the 3-point shoot-out while teammates JB Sison and Jay-R Tecson topped the 2-3 ball.

The scores:

NCAA 1 76—Najorda 19, Belga 12, Vicente 11, Espinas 9, Domangcas 7, Misa 6, Dedicatoria 5, Castro 3, Bauzon 2, Sanz 2, Relaga 0, Solis 0.

UAAP 1 64—Santos 17, Chan 10, Cabahug 7, Asoro 6, Borboran 6, Arellano 5, Isip 4, Fernandez 3, Bono 2, Custodio 2, Saguindel 2, Rizada 0.

Quarters: 23-15, 37-28, 54-46, 76-64

Second Game

NCAA 2 88—Bautista 23, Orbeta 13, Dela Peña 11, Aldave 10, Aljamal 7, Rodriguez 4, Andaya 3, Sagad 3, Aban 2, Alcaraz 1, Gonzales 0.

UAAP 2 81—David 14, Intal 13, Yeo 13, Casio 11, De Guzman 9 Pribhdas 8, Tang 3, Tenorio 3, Maierhofer 3, Cabatu 2, Cruz 2, Kramer 0.

Quarters: 17-20, 34-39, 61-69, 88-81

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S'ball officials vow to return

THE OFFICIALS who left for the United States ahead of the World Series-bound Little League girls softball team stressed that they did nothing wrong even as city and provincial officials vowed to look into the aborted departure of the Bacolod squad.

Benjamin Barredo, principal of the Paglaum Village National High School, and team head coach Reynaldo "Guy" Fuentes, also told Visayan Daily Star editor and INQUIRER Visayas bureau correspondent Carla Gomez that they intend to go back before their visas expire.

They flew to Sussex, Delaware, last week supposedly as the advance party of the PVNHS team competing in the Senior Little League World Series on Aug. 7-11. With them were Fuentes' son and assistant coach Francis, and Fuentes' daughter Rachel, Christine Jade Declines and Carina Claver, who are members of the 14-man squad. The promised plane fare for the 11 girls who were left behind in Manila did not come.

The Little Leaguers have gone back to Bacolod over the weekend minus pitcher Aiza dela Torre, who is studying in Manila. Fuentes maintained that they had gone ahead so they could raise money for the team which won the World Series in Kirkland, Washington, in 2003.

They added that the players left behind were not abandoned because team official Edwin Javellana accompanied them home to Bacolod. The P50,000 given by the provincial government was used for their transportation to Manila and for their stay until they got their US visas.

Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia said the City Legal Office will assist the parents of the players in filing charges against the team officials. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

CLYDE Dexter Lozano (left) and Carlo Garcia tangle in the grade school taekwondo championship at the Glorietta in Makati City.

RYAN LIM

US, Fil-Am bets steal show

AMERICAN Almaruthe Ross and Fil-Am Jade Lopez both posted a pair of convincing wins to roll into the gold medal bouts of the fourth Samsung Best of the Best National Taekwondo Championships even as two other Fil-Am bets in the boys side advanced to the finals of their respective divisions at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City late Friday.

The 14-year-old Ross, a three-time champion in the US Nationals and five-time California State champion, fought back from 0-3 down to nip Rizal High School's Marifi Gadit in sudden death in the quarterfinals then mastered Aila Nam-Ay of Navy, 2-0, in the semis to advance to the finals of the lightweight event in the junior ladies division.

Lopez, also from Northern California like Ross and one of the mainstays of the US junior squad, whipped Marsha Mae Ecaranum of Cagayan de Oro City, 3-0, to arrange a showdown with NTU-Tigers' Rubylyn Mapa for the gold medal in the welterweight division.

Lopez, one of the spearheads of the 21-player contingent from the US, scored a 6-0 victory over Nikki Te of La Salle in the quarters.

RP clouters split 2 matches; Japan ahead

GAMES TODAY *(Sto. Niño Baseball grounds)*
8 a.m.—RP vs Japan
10 a.m.—Australia vs Singapore

FANCIED Japan swept into the lead with back-to-back wins even as Team Philippines split its two assignments yesterday in the fifth Pan Pacific Junior Baseball Championship at the Sto. Niño Baseball Grounds in Marikina City.

The Japanese outclassed Australia, 10-0, in the morning then routed Singapore, 7-1, to underscore their status as overwhelming favorites in the four-team tournament.

The Filipinos, beaten by Singapore, 2-0, in their opening match, bounced back with a 5-3 decision over the Australians in the afternoon to remain in title contention.

But the host nation faces the daunting task of beating Japan at 8 a.m. today to reach the finals slated tomorrow.

The top finishers book an outright seat in the South Asia Championship in October in Singapore with the champion clinching a berth in the World Series in July next year in Tokyo, Japan.

Singapore, represented by Japanese expatriates, capitalized on a throwing error by shortstop Michael Cezar Zapanta to catcher Luke Bernardo in the third inning to sneak in two runs that downed Team Philippines.

Zapanta's wild throw after a grounder by Yuya Syhirakura brought home Takatoshi Miyajima and Ryuji Hirooka and broke up the tight contest.

Before that error, the Filipinos were in control of the match shortened to one and a half hour due to rain delays.

The Filipinos finished with one more hit than the Singaporeans with three and had three chances to score but blew them all.

Valle Verde, Old Market advance

VALLE Verde and Old Market Badminton Club swept their eliminations assignments yesterday to barge into the crossover semifinals of the Battle of the Courts National Inter-club Cup Year 2 east leg at the West Drive Badminton Center in Pasig.

It didn't come easy though for the favored Valle Verde squad as it bucked a loss in the men's doubles to defeat Myan's, 2-1, and then turned back Greenpark BC, 3-0, for the two wins the Pasig shuttlers needed to enter to the next round.

Old Market also advanced unscathed after winning over West Drive, Marikina BC and Buddies BC.

Co-presenting the Battle of the Courts National Inter-Club Cup are Smart: Simply Amazing, Mizuno and INQUIRER Badminton. It is also supported by Citibank On-Line and Unilever and Wilson as the official shuttlecock. Solar Sports, Wave 89.1 and Jam 88.3 are the media partners.

In today's semifinals at 9 a.m., Valle Verde tackles the No. 2 squad in Group 2, Buddies, while Old Market goes up against Myan's, which finished second behind Valle Verde in Group 1. The winners will then advance to the championship game at 11 a.m.

STI halts skid

DEXTER Micutuan sizzled yesterday as STI routed Holy Angel, 89-65, for its fifth win in the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities basketball tournament at the UM Gym.

Micutuan scattered 26 points, nine rebounds and three assists to power the Olympians, who led by as many as 27 points, 62-35, halfway through the fourth quarter, to a 5-win, 2-loss mark.

The triumph moved STI to solo third place behind idle leaders University of Manila and St. Clare, both toting 7-0 records.

The Flyers, led by Limuel Manarang and Germino Lalic, tumbled to their third loss in as many games.

Raymond Lim backed up Micutuan with 15 points and eight rebounds as STI snapped its two game skid. Marc Anthony Reyes

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Spring-Laguna wins

DIPOLOG CITY—Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna waxed hot from start to finish to crush the Zanorte Hornbills, 112-80, and wind up its elimination campaign in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship with a 7-6 record at the Teachers' gym here.

Point guard Marlon Kalaw led four other players in double figures with 20 points as the Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro raced to a 35-23 start and never looked back.

Forward John Roda, Mar Reyes, Rodel Manuel and rookie Kemuel Proceso ably backed up Kalaw with 17, 15, 14 and 13 markers, respectively.

"We did not expect it to be this easy," said Spring coach Vic "Rambo" Sanchez. "Before tonight, all their (Hornbills) home games were decided only in the final minutes."

The loss was the ninth in 10 games for Zanorte in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Spring Cooking Oil, Sunbolt Sports Drink, Accel, Molten, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Bayview Prk Hotel, Holiday Plaza-Cebu and Prime Channel.

The Cooking Oil Masters hardly missed the services of Robin Mendoza, who sat it out with a hand injury, and PBA draft aspirants Mel Latoreno, Dondon Villamin and Val Domingo as they broke the game wide open, 84-55, going into the final quarter.

Aguilar joins Indon tilt

AGUILAR

REVTEX Rocket Glenn Aguilar, his dream of winning an unprecedented second Asian crown now within reach, shoots for an all-important victory in the 4th leg of the FIM Asian Motocross Championships in Solo, Indonesia, today.

Aguilar reinforced his status as Asia's top rider after ruling the 3rd leg of the FIM championships in Macau. The eight-time National Rider of the Year seized the series lead with 132 points, way ahead of Indonesians Denny Orlando, who has 88, and Aep Dadang (82).

"The Indonesians want a victory right in their home turf," said Aguilar. "But we've grown accustomed to playing in various conditions, thanks to the world-class Revtex oil that we are using in our engines," said Aguilar.

Aguilar, the 2003 Asian champion, conquered Macau's muddy track and crushed the 26-rider field that included the best bikers from New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Malaysia, Singapore and Macau.

He was at his best in the second moto of the premier Pro 125 event, thwarting the challenge of Thailand's Amon Theplib by 26 seconds.

Joining Aguilar in Indonesia are fellow Revtex stars Kenneth San Andres and Bebet dela Cruz. The triumvirate piled up six victories in the Ultimate Championships in Batangas City as Revtex fortified its status as the country's best motocross team.

Cebu Racing gets 2 titles

GUIDICELLI

CEBU Racing Group bagged two titles in the fifth leg of the 2005 Shell Helix Superkarting Series at the Ekart Track of the Enchanted Kingdom in Sta Rosa, Laguna, recently.

Karter of the Year Matteo Guidicelli and Vencer Suba bested tough rivals in their respective divisions to lead the title haul for the Cebu Racing Group supported by AXN, Animax, Addict Mobile-AMP, Penshoppe, Swatch, Pepsi, Paramaunt Insurance, Oakley and Bridgestone tires.

Guidicelli topped all three heats to rule the Rotax Max Seniors class while Suba ruled the second and the final heat to capture the Cadet 60 Novice crown.

Guidicelli was fresh from competing in four races in Italy, including the Italian Open Championships in Ugento where he emerged the lone Filipino finalist. He arrived Thursday and went straight to the track to practice.

Teammate Ivan Carapiet placed third and boosted his chances of joining Guidicelli for a World Finals berth in the Rotax World Championships 2005.

Another CRG driver, John Alvarez won race two of the Cadet 60 Expert division after failing to finish the first heat.

Power play, Woods & Bacolod

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I AM as stunned as everyone to hear about the reshuffling of officials manning our preparations for the SEA Games set here in November-December.

Peping Cojuangco is now the top man for the Games, replacing Roberto Pagdanganan. PSC chief William "Butch" Ramirez is Cojuangco's main deputy.

Pagdanganan, who holds a Cabinet rank as head of the PITC in charge of ensuring quality but cheap medicines for the country, is now Philsoc chair assigned mainly to make sure coffee and biscuits are there every time Philsoc holds a meeting.

GMA announced the changes herself just a while back.

After the reshuffle that practically reduced Pagdanganan from being the main man of the SEA Games to a mere figurehead, rumors immediately spread like wild fire.

Bacolod Rep. Monico Puentevella orchestrated the ouster of Pagdanganan, said one.

Ramirez was Puentevella's partner in the ouster of Pagdanganan, said another.

"Mr. Pagdanganan got the ire of Mr. Puentevella over trimmed-down money allocation to finance Puentevella's hosting preparations in Bacolod," said Valentin "VD" Dakuykoy, my ever reliable legman.

Everybody knows Puentevella is one of the most loyal followers of GMA. It is highly touted by men close to Puentevella that Puentevella, a former PSC commissioner under Erap, will jump from the Eiffel Tower at the mere whim of GMA.

"And do you know, sir, that as proof of Mr. Puentevella's closeness to GMA, he was able to make Mr. Ramirez chairman of PSC?" said VD. "Where the congressman goes now, Mr. Ramirez goes."

Of course, I'm merely listening and I do not accept all that as gospel truth.

But it pains me to know about allegations of Pagdanganan's mismanagement of the SEA Games preparations coming to the fore only after Pagdanganan had been removed.

I say that was a cheap shot, justifying an ouster anchored merely on power play. A crude manner of wiping the fingerprints off the crime scene. Whoever concocted that deserves to be hung upside down.

The sacking of Pagdanganan simply means one thing: An outsider like Pagdanganan has no place in an organization that is run Mafia-style and where the Old Boys Club rule prevails forever.

Which is just too bad because Pagdanganan, from the day he assumed office, has been ballyhooed as a whiff of fresh air in the often fractious atmosphere of Philippine sports.

If I were Pagdanganan, I'd stop signing circulars, checks or whatever from hereon that have something to do with the SEA Games. That might lead to his political grave.

Better yet, it'd be much better if he just watch the members of the Old Boys Club perform their act from a distance. That'd ensure him of clean hands when it's time for GMA or her minions to check on the cookie jar.

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Even in the throes of death, Tiger Woods is never short of drama. Add trauma.

Needing an even-par total in his last two holes yesterday to make the cut in the PGA Championship, Tiger Woods gambled—and nearly lost it.

Holes 17 and 18 of Baltusrol, named after a murdered farm owner (Baltus Roll), are both par 5. Only two men had reached the more than 600-yard long 17th in 2 since Baltusrol was built in 1895.

Defying the odds, Tiger Woods went for the green with a 3-wood. The gamble backfired, the ball landing at the greenside bunker very close to the back edge where thick grass is growing. Finding no back swing toward the green, he made a detour by blasting into the rough, away from the flagstick. Bogey.

But after another huge drive on 18, Tiger Woods greened a mid-iron. Two putts. Birdie.

His 1-under par 69 gave him a 4-over par 144. That's 12 shots behind leader Phil Mickelson after 36 holes.

The 29-year-old Woods seems out of it? Maybe.

But even a shamefully, unlikely act of making the cut by the skin of his teeth becomes grist for copy if it's Tiger Woods doing it.

That's because it preserved his no-cut record in any major that he had participated in since he turned pro in 1996.

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My congratulations to Luis "Golem" Silverio, who played Baltusrol some four decades back, for having impressed the NGAP's Louie Fernandez and Jake Ayson with the way he's been preparing the Negros Occidental GCC in Bacolod.

"Golem's practically working 25 hours a day putting the course in shape for the RP Amateurs next month (Sept. 25 to Oct. 1)," said Ramon Uy, a hard-nosed NOGCC official who is NGAP's director for the Visayas.

Fernandez and Ayson visited Bacolod last Thursday and Friday to inspect the course, and also to thresh out concerns with NOGCC officials led by president Epifanio Torre. Also in the highly successful meeting were NOGCC club manager Dot Soliven, corporate secretary Louie Gonzaga, Remy Montemayor, Jojo Quilop, Nena Mallorca and Joe Cajili, the undisputed "chicken king" of Bacolod.

"Everything went well and we hope to sign the MOA (memorandum of agreement) as soon as possible," said Fernandez. "We expect no less than 80 participants clashing with our country's top amateurs led by Juvic (Pagunsan). This early, my gratitude to the NOGCC officials for their warm reception."

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Phil takes PGA lead; Tiger hangs around

SPRINGFIELD, New Jersey—The roars came early for Phil Mickelson, who quickly separated himself from the pack Friday at the US PGA Championship and matched his largest lead in a major.

They were just as loud in the steamy afternoon for Tiger Woods, for an entirely different reason.

He was simply trying to make the cut.

Mickelson was mostly steady, sometimes spectacular and surprisingly patient as he shot out to 31 on the back nine and finished with a 5-under 65 to take a three-shot lead over Jerry Kelly. It was his largest lead at a major since he was up by three shots over Justin Leonard after two rounds in the '96 PGA Championship.

"There's a lot of golf left, but I'm entering the final two rounds with a lot more confidence than I've had in a while," said Mickelson, who was at 8-under 132.

Woods is thankful to be playing the final two rounds.

He was three shots over the cut line with eight holes to play until three birdies in five holes seemingly left him safe.

But Woods went for the green on the 650-yard 17th hole—reached only two other times at Baltusrol—only to see his 3-wood carom off the side of the green, across the bunker and against the lip. He had no choice to turn his back to the flag and scoot a chip through the sand and into the grass, but he couldn't save par.

His only hope of making the cut was a birdie on the par-5 18th, and he delivered a drive that left him a 7-iron to the green. A two-putt birdie gave him a 69 to make the cut on the number at 4-over 144.

Day 3 of the PGA Championships will be shown today at 6 a.m. over ABC-5 with highlights to be aired at 11:30 p.m. *AP*

REUTERS

MICKELSON: Largest major lead

Bogut's first 'home' work: Shaq

MELBOURNE, Australia—NBA No. 1 draft pick Andrew Bogut's home opener is on Nov. 5 and he and the Milwaukee Bucks face a stern test: the Miami Heat and Shaquille O'Neal. Bogut has no grand illusions of his first regular-season match-up against O'Neal. "I'm not going to have the best game against him—there's no chance," Bogut said Friday. "When you play against Shaq for the first time, it's a learning experience. You're going to get pounded by the big fella, you've got to keep working. Hopefully by the third or fourth time I play him, I'll learn how he plays." Bogut says he's confident he can juggle the demands of professional basketball and major international duties for Australia, including next year's world basketball championships and the 2008 Beijing Olympics. *AP*

SHARAPOVA REUTERS

Maria No. 1 soon

CARSON, California—Maria Sharapova is on her way to becoming No. 1 in the world. She'll have to put the celebration on hold for another 10 days, though.

Sharapova withdrew from the JPMorgan Chase Open because of a strained chest muscle Friday, postponing her move from No. 2 into the top spot. The tournament's top seed was scheduled to play ninth-seeded Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia in an evening quarterfinal match.

A victory would have given the 18-year-old Russian enough points to overtake injured American Lindsay Davenport as No. 1.

Instead, Sharapova will become the first Russian to hold the top spot on Aug. 22. She will be the fifth youngest at No. 1, and the 15th player in that coveted spot since the WTA Tour rankings began in 1975.

Sharapova is entered in next week's tournament at Toronto, but she said the chances of her playing are "not very big."

Whether she plays another match or not, she'll overtake Davenport in the rankings points. *AP*

Isinbayeva sets pole vault record

HELSINKI, Finland—Her peers think Yelena Isinbayeva can raise the women's pole vault record to 5.20 meters. Isinbayeva is more modest, although it seems no height is out of reach for the Russian.

Three weeks after becoming the first woman to clear the magical 5-m mark, Isinbayeva improved the record to 5.01 Friday at the athletics World Championships.

Isinbayeva already had made sure of winning the gold medal when she mastered the height on her second attempt.

"No limit," Isinbayeva said of her incredible record-breaking potential in the euphoric moments shortly after setting the mark.

Later, the Olympic champion lowered the target somewhat.

"I always want to break the record, at every meet. I think this season 5.02 or 5.03 is possible, next year I don't know," Isinbayeva said. "But I think the women's record will remain one meter shorter than the men's."

Pavla Hamackova, the bronze medalist, thinks Isinbayeva can do better.

"She is fast and if she improves her technique, I think she can do 5.20," Hamackova said.

The men's record is 6.14, set by Sergei Bubka in 1994, who broke the record 35 times in a career that included six world titles and one Olympic gold medal.

Isinbayeva, a former gymnast who took up pole vaulting eight years ago, now has set 18 world records indoors and outdoors—nine this year alone—and wants to eclipse Bubka's mark. *AP*

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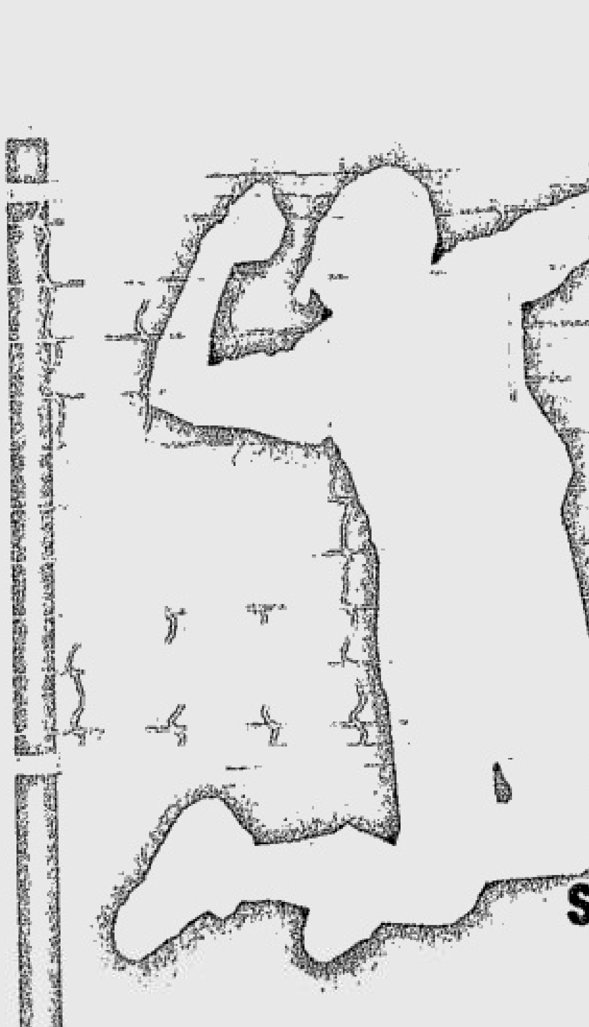

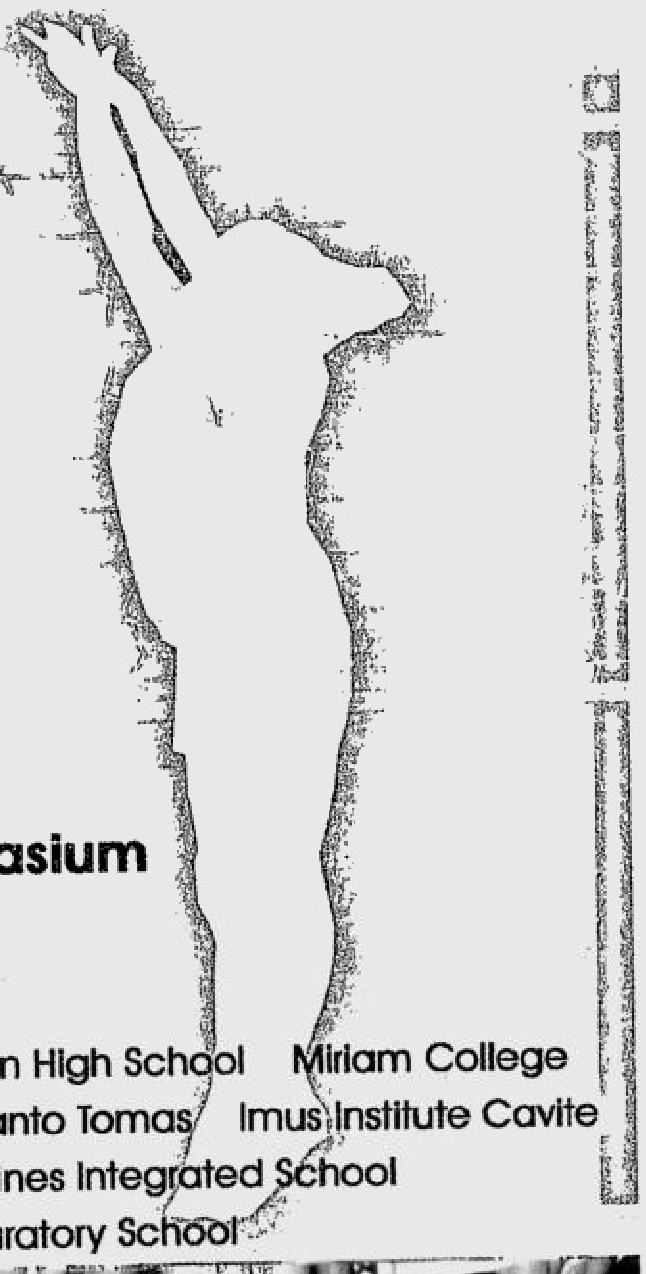

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Imports 5th leg today at Sta. Ana

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

BEING There was among those who merited a second look in last year's All-Imported Championship. Unfortunately, a filly named Sexiest made her and the rest of the pretenders appear like second fiddle.

This year, Being There is aiming to rebound from her fifth-place finish and it's likely to happen as the 5-year-old chestnut mare is hot on the comeback trail.

A third straight win under Jonathan Hernandez will be on top of Being There's agenda when she warms up in the 5th leg of the 2005 Imported Stakes Series today at the Santa Ana Park.

"Tiwala ako na una siyang tatawid sa meta (I'm confident she'll cross the line first)," said Hernandez of the Distorted Humor-Fanfare Bubbles daughter.

Being There closed her campaign in 2004 on a not-so happy note, landing a dismal 11th out of 13 runners in the season-ending Classic Open.

Her handlers decided to give her 6-month rest, sending her back to active competition only last June 30 and marked her return with a bang by setting new record of 1:29.5 over 1,450 meters under Antonio Alcasid Jr.

Alcasid rode her again in the Chairman's Cup and placed only third, before Hernandez was tasked to become her new partner.

The Red N Stable entry clicked right away with Hernandez by ruling the Australia Cup preview race, beating the likes of Sound Offer and Wild Orchid. In their last outing, Hernandez just sat cooly as Being There blasted her Class Division rivals.

Last Snip, third placer in the President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Cup and runner-up in the fourth leg, is tipped to provide the scare to Being There mainly because of the 1,800-meter distance that suits her running style. Last Snip will carry the Hermie Esguerra Stable colors alongside Marque.

Completing the cast in the event that gives P270,000 to the first placer are stablemates Dream Cross and Pine Needles, both New Zealand imports.

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Race 7—1. Being There 2. Last Snip/Marque
Race 8—1. Legally Blonde 2. Ahoy My Boy 3. Bunker Buster 4. Ilang Ilang Queen 5. Daldalera
Race 9—1. Valiente 2. Angel Eyes 3. Gold Money 4. Gelay's Charm
Race 10—1. Speed Bullet 2. Don Exequiel 3. Key Element 4. Fabiola
Race 11—1. Day Break 2. Gutsy 3. Soaring Free 4. Hezagone Babes
Race 12—1. Blue Face 2. Peek A Boo 3. Nagmamahal/Jubilee 4. Can and Will
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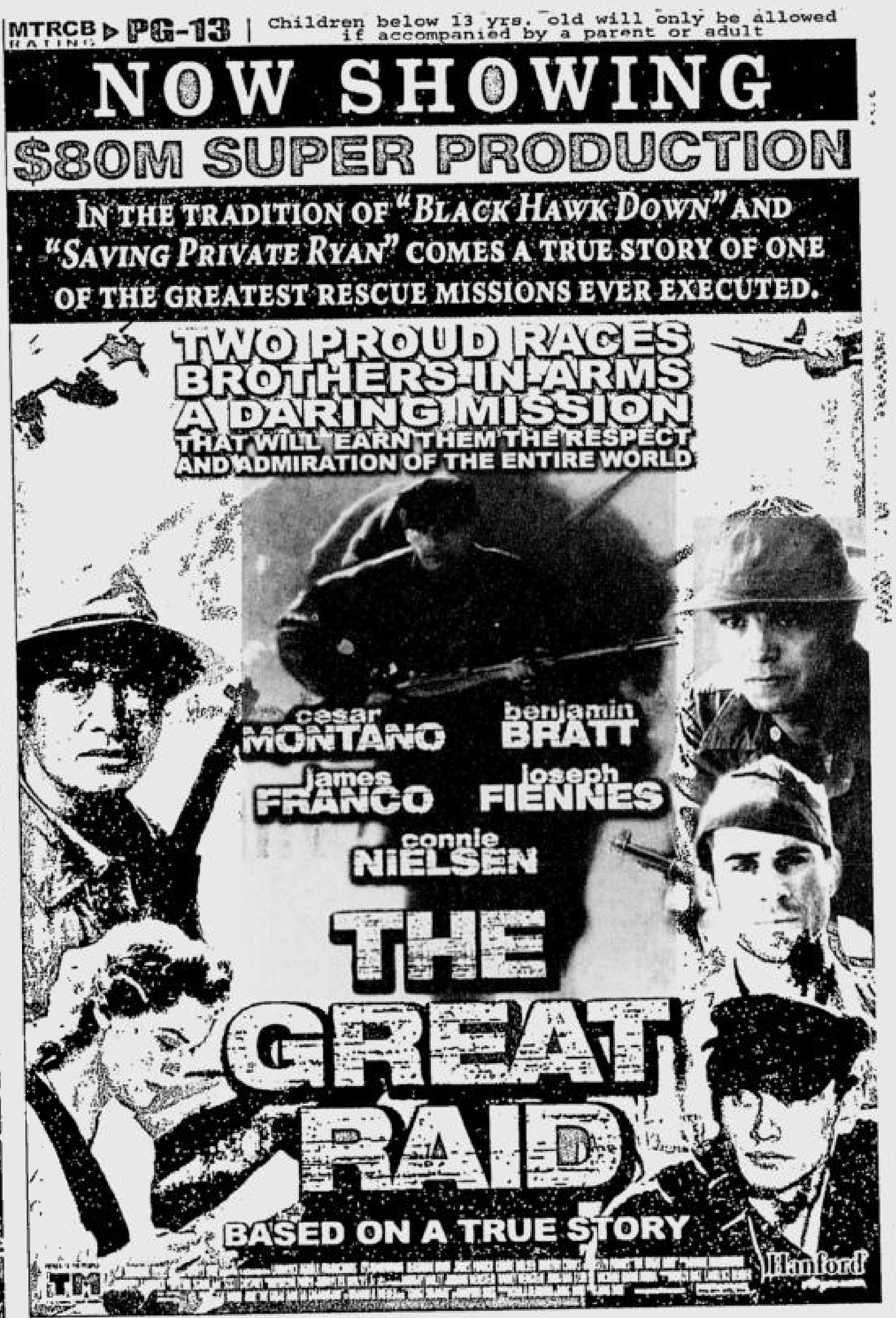
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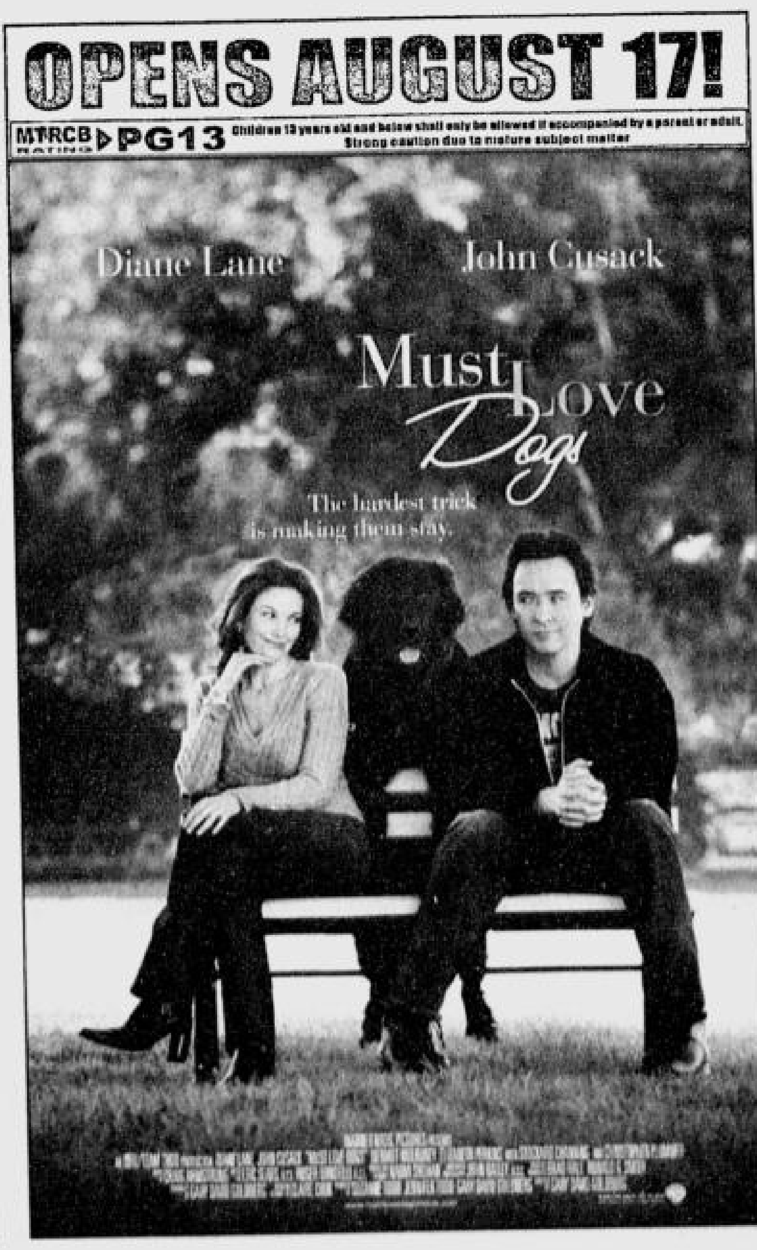
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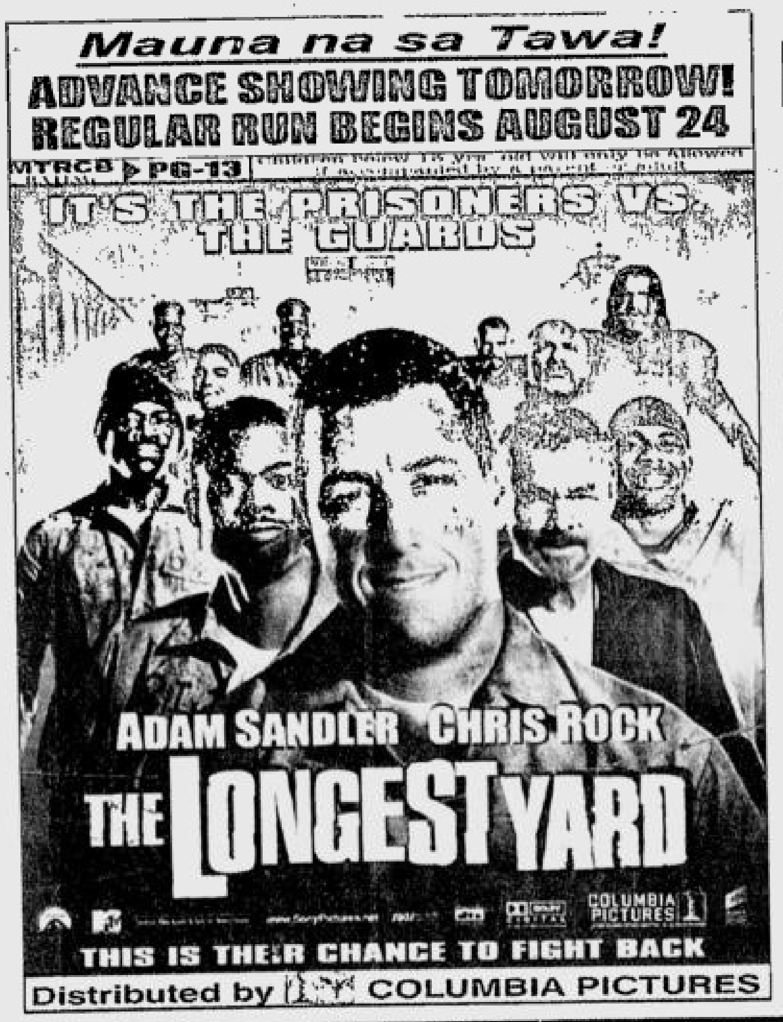
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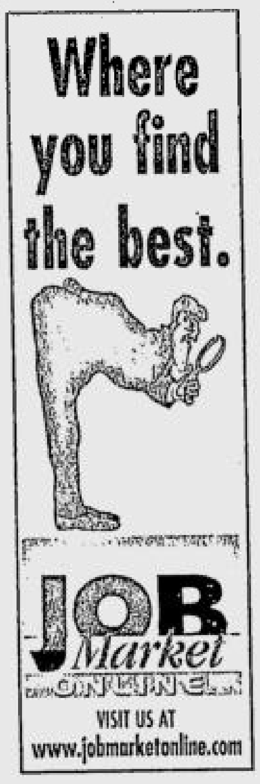
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Cinema 2000 Waltermart Makati
Waltermart Center, Chino Roces Ave. cor. Antonio Arnaiz Pio del Pilar, Makati City
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1 BEWITCHED
2 THE GREAT RAID
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4 D' ANOTHERS

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3 (DOLBY) HEAD IN THE CLOUDS
4 (DTS) THE ISLAND

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3 LAMAT
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL EX) BEWITCHED
5 THE GREAT RAID

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1 STEALTH
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4 YEAR OF THE YAO

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1 D' ANOTHERS
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4 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Cine Nepo
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2 MONSTER IN LAW
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4 (DTS) THE ISLAND

Centre Plaza Cinema
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2 COACH CARTER
3 (DTS) YEAR OF THE YAO
4 LAMAT
5 D' ANOTHERS

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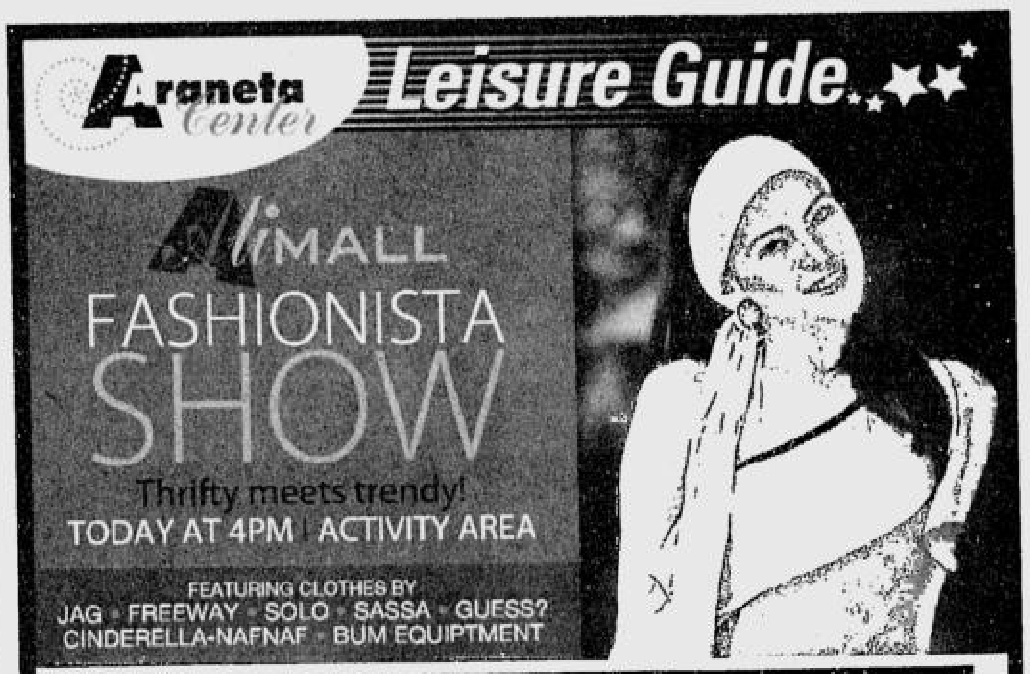
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Aug 14 UP vs UST *Jrs 9.30am* FEU vs UE *Jrs 11.30am*
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Sunday NU vs UP *Srs 2pm* FEU vs DLSU *Srs 4pm*
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Filipino rowers cop 3rd

BERLIN — Filipino rowers produced a big surprise in the recent 7th World Dragon Boat Championships here by bagging the bronze medal in the men's 200-meter competition.

After posting the best qualifying time, the Filipinos clocked 46.30 seconds in the finals to finish behind gold medalist Russia (45.53) and silver winner Canada (46.21) at the Grunau Regatta Course. The Filipinos clocked 44.37 seconds in Group B eliminations, where they bested Great Britain (44.87), Italy (46.01) and the Netherlands (48.10). "This is a good sign for us," said head coach Nestro Ilagan. "We beat Germany and other top rowing teams like Great Britain, the United States and Australia.

Rotary golf stakes P1M

ROTARIANS have four chances to win P1 million in the 19th RGFFP (Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines) Southern Leg golf tournament on Aug. 24-28 at the Rancho Palos Verdes and Apo Golf and Country Club courses in Davao City. There will be two par-3 holes on each course where a Rotarian can bring home P1 million. In addition, Pagcor offers P100,000 for two other par 3s, while the last two of eight par-3 holes will be fun holes, featuring three holes per green where golfers can win either a Paul Harris fellow or an Osim I-Squeeze and a Carrier room air-conditioner. Crystal trophies will be given for the first time.

ABC-5 airs Ringside TV

A BOUT featuring former Philippine junior-flyweight champion Eugene Gonzales and Roselito Campaña will be aired in today's episode of Ginebra San Miguel Ringside TV Boxing from 3-4 p.m. on ABC-5. The match, presented by Galorde Enterprises Inc., and ABC-5, and backed by PCSO, was recorded as the quickest boxing match in Philippine history as it ended in just 24 seconds of the opening round. Japanese import Yosuke Takeuchi engages Randy Pepito in 4 rounds at 122 lbs, while Jaypee Ignacio fights Sim Bicaldo at 130 lbs in other matches.

Villegas vs Castillo up

FISTORAMA features at 4 p.m. today an eight-round bout in the minimum-weight division between Eddie Villegas and Rollen del Castillo. Bantamweights Gerope Mercado and Jojo Intor provide supporting four-round action. The bouts were held at the Mandaue Sports Center in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Sammy Gelloani and shown worldwide through ABS-CBN's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV.

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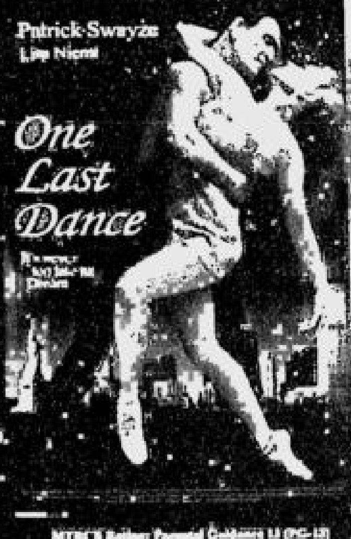

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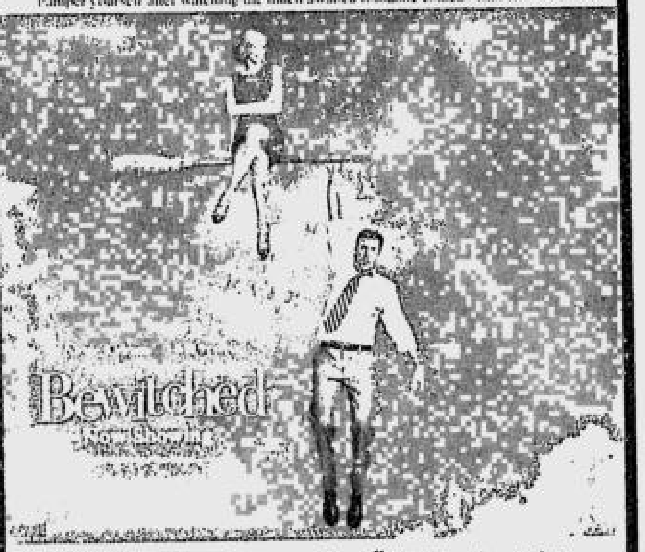

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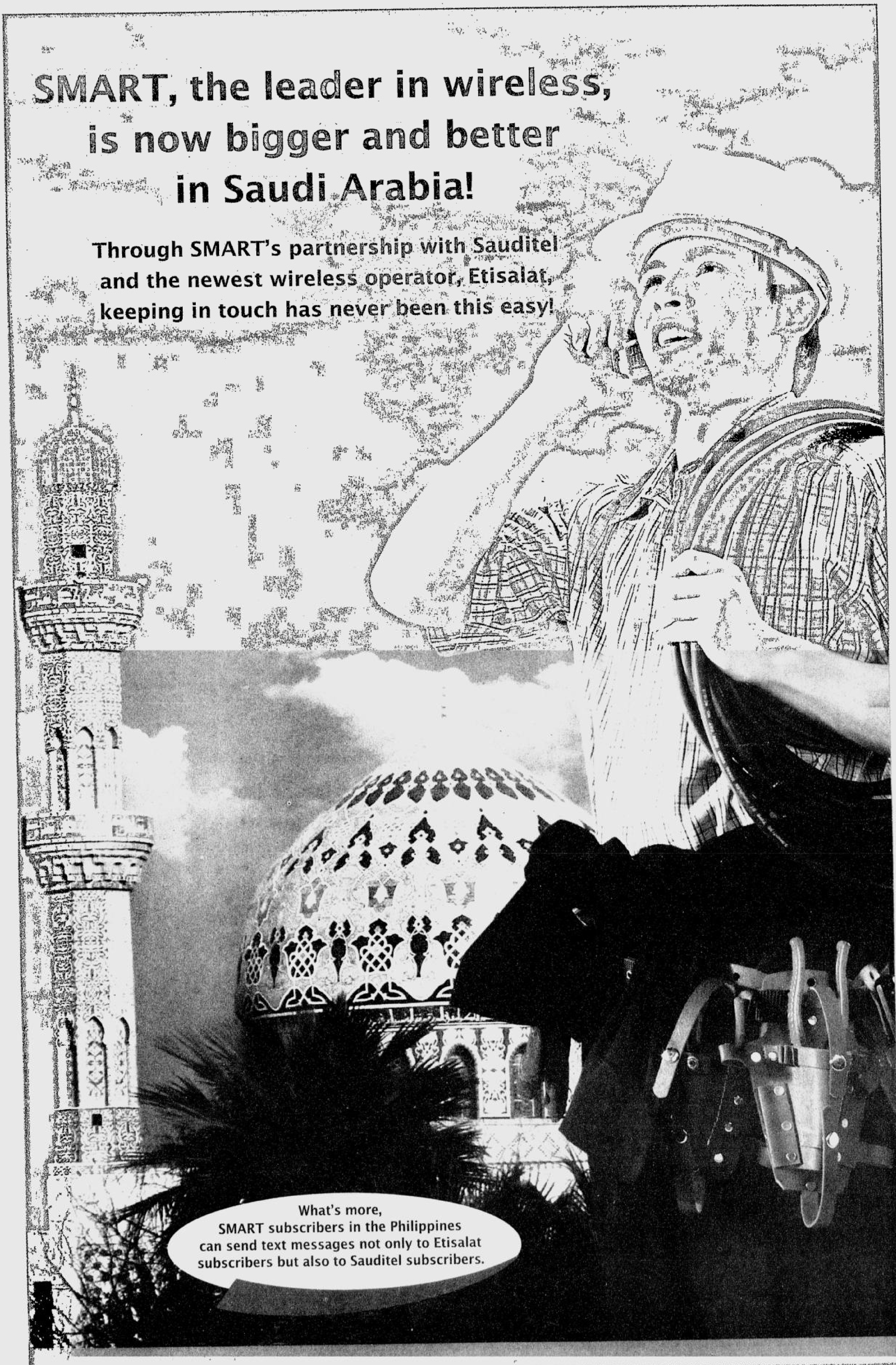

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But beyond Bourbon Street's neon lights and frat men enticing passing girls to bare their chests with bead garlands as reward is Anne Rice's ghoulish New Orleans, where tours of cemeteries are standard and voodoo dolls are sold matter-of-factly, like Barbies.

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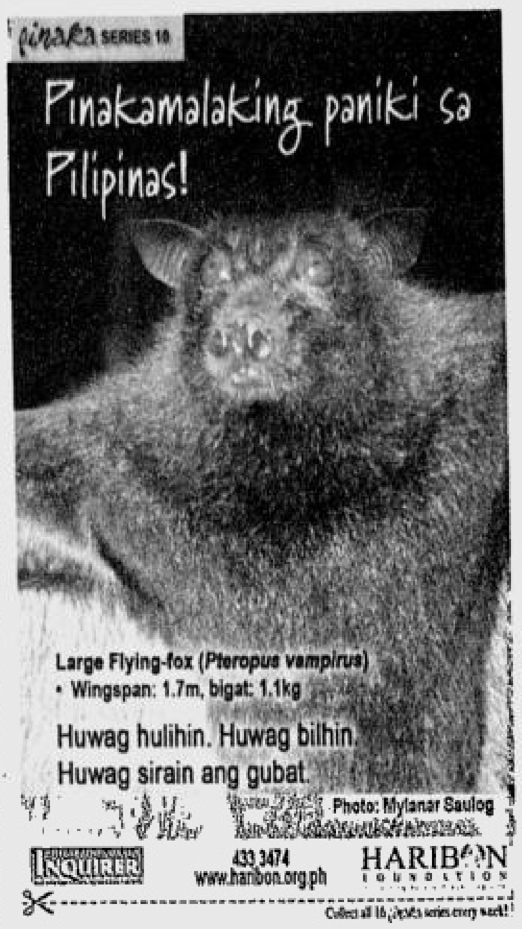

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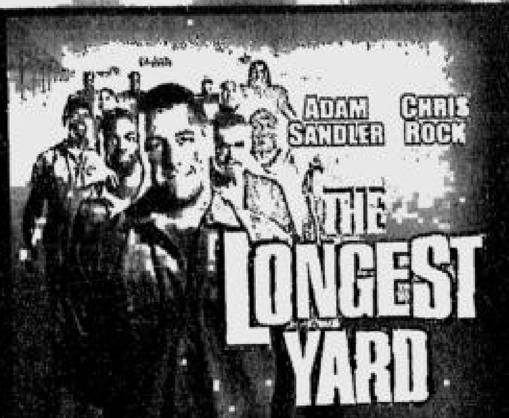

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Kate says mom Goldie Hawn is a doting 'lola'.

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the acting department.

At the Ritz Carlton New Orleans, which is appropriately old and historied, Kate says why she likes this supernatural capital of the United States. "It's like not being in America," begins the actress who used to be known as the daughter of **Goldie Hawn** and **Kurt Russell** but has since established her own identity and career in the movies. Kurt is her stepfather but she considers him her dad. Her biological father is **William Louis Hudson**.

Seductive town

She explains her fascination with New Orleans: "There are certain cities that stick with you. Paris is one of them. Rome, too. I would have to say that other than New York, my other favorite city in America is New Orleans. It's because it demands that you be totally and completely yourself. It demands that you step outside of the box. Its history and music are different. In New Orleans, you can do things that you can't do anywhere else in the country, like taking a beer out on the street. You feel free to walk into some weird, seedy bar where stuff is going on that may make you think, I don't know if I want to be a part of this, but it's available."

Continues the actress, who got an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a rock groupie, Penny Lane, in **Cameron Crowe's** "Almost Famous" (one of my favorite films): "There's a seductive nature to this town. I love anything seductive! But that's a whole other conversation. I think this city's seductive nature comes with the music and the weather—those tropical fronts come in and they're so volatile, violent and sexy. New Orleans springs out a whole feeling in you that other cities don't or can't do. I don't get this feeling in Chicago except at a blues bar."

I ask where Kate's belief in the unseen comes from. "I was raised Jewish but I'm not a practicing Jew," she says. "My mother's a Buddhist, which lends itself to a lot of spirituality and opening yourself up. So we grew up believing that there are greater things at work. And with that comes the belief that we're constantly surrounded by spirit or energy."

As a follow-up question, I inquire how she will raise **Ryder**, her year-old son with Black Crowes frontman **Chris Robinson**, especially in relation to the supernatural. "I will raise him to believe in whatever he wishes to believe in," she replies after a brief pause. "But I hope that he will understand and see for himself that there are greater things at hand. I believe that we exist on so many dimensions and you can reach some of those places if you put your mind to it, and hopefully he'll see that."

Was she familiar with hoodoo, which is tackled in the film? (Voodoo is considered a religion while hoodoo is more about the practice of dark magic.) "I was pretty familiar with voodoo. When I read the script, I thought the term hoodoo was some made-up thing. And then I realized that it's definitely based on a true practice. There were a lot of people on the set who were well versed in hoodoo. We had some interesting conversations about it."

Then she engages us more on the subject of spirits by disclosing that she lives in the house of **James Whale**, the gay director of those 1930s Frankenstein movies and whose life ending in a suicide at his pool was tackled in the acclaimed 1998 film, "Gods and Monsters." "I do believe that there's a spirit in my house," she reveals. "Do you remember the house in that film? That's my house. It's the house that the film's true-to-life character, director James Whale, built. Sometimes I feel that either he or his lover (played in 'Gods' by **Brendan Fraser**) is still there. The house has a very creative feel to it. And you definitely feel that something's going on in there."

Rockers and stars

Pressed for details, she obliges with, "It was the house that I grew up in. When my mom was six months pregnant with me, she bought this house. I lived in that house until I was 12. Then my mom built another house. Somebody else lived in the house for 12 years. When the house was put on the market, I bought it back. So I'm now back in the house I grew up in. I'm sleeping in the master bedroom where my parents made my beautiful brother. My mom had more experiences with this spirit than I have so she would be a better person to ask."

This 26-year-old also shares a fascinating story about being in Paris and later finding out that her dream of being visited by a scar-faced man was also experienced by her husband Chris and his fellow band member.

To lighten things up, a colleague asks why she and all these actresses, including **Gwyneth Paltrow, Drew Barrymore** and **Renee Zellweger**, are dating or marrying musicians. "Yeah, I was the first!" she exclaims and laughs.

She elaborates: "My girlfriend, who is not an actress but has been with many musicians, puts it perfectly—'Oh honey, you just love those emotional little musician boys!' That is what it is. Men, if they're good musicians, they're the kind of people who, especially with women, especially with things that are of the heart or things that make them feel something, want to experience everything. Because rock and roll is really sexy, sensuous material. They want to see everything in their women. They want to know every curvature of your body, every part of your soul because then that's what they take and they put that out there through their music, lyrics, through the piano or the guitar."

Granny Goldie

The talk inevitably steers toward Hollywood's still giggling, still youthful *lola*, Goldie Hawn. How often does Lola Goldie visit her grandson? "As often as she can!" Kate happily answers. "It's very hard because we're spending a lot of time in New York these days and we've been on the road a lot. When we're in Los Angeles or when we're in the same place, she doesn't go a day without seeing him."

Does Goldie babysit Ryder? "Yes, she does and she's a pretty good babysitter!" Kate replies, laughing. "She's the best grandma. And there's nothing cuter than seeing Kurt and Ryder together. I'm Kurt's only girl, you know. It's a whole different ball game now with my dad and me, now that I have my own son. To see my dad for the first time actually able to spoil a child. which he never did with me—it's great. He wasn't interested in spoiling us. And then to watch my son love his grandparents . . . the second he hears their names, he can't wait to see them. It's great."

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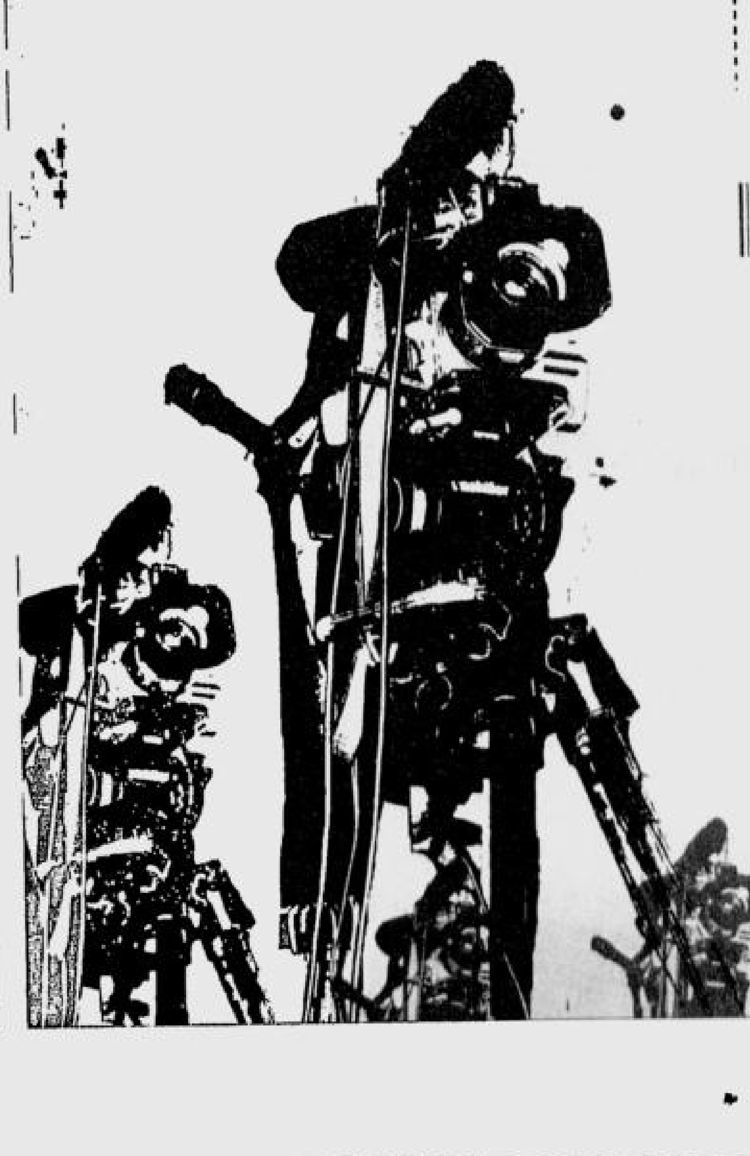

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Brandon leaves 'Rock Star'

He admits he's not frontman material for Aussie band INXS

By Fran Katigbak

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

GOODBYE, the Southern music man from Michigan says ... for now.

"I DESERVE to go home" are words least expected from someone booted out of competition, but coming from Brandon Calhoon, latest casualty of "Rock Star: INXS," it even sounded sincere.

He was eliminated Wednesday (Thursday in Manila) during the fifth week of the reality talent show launched to find a frontman for legendary Aussie band INXS.

In an exclusive phone interview with INQUIRER Entertainment, the 31-year-old rocker from Michigan admitted that he didn't fit the mold of an INXS lead singer. Still, he has come a long way from Michigan, where he played college basketball, graduated with a degree in Industrial Technology, and worked as a Detroit staffing recruiter while moonlighting as lead singer for an '80s rock cover band as well as lead vocalist and guitarist for an original band called Radio.

Thousands from all over the world auditioned for "Rock Star" (now airing on Star World, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Making it to the top 10 was no mean feat for Brandon.

Where do you go from here?

Hopefully not back to my day job. I've a lot of ideas [as to] what direction Brandon Calhoon should [take]. It's definitely more of a guitar-driven rock 'n' roll vibe.

I wasn't exactly what they (INXS) were looking for and that's fine. It's time to move on [to something] that I personally feel is fitted for me and my style.

"Rock Star" being a worldwide success, you're kind of a celebrity already. How do you think this has changed the way people see you?

I come from a very small town—maybe 1,200 people—called Beaverton, and we just got our first streetlight. [Someone from Beaverton in "Rock Star: INXS"] is the biggest thing that ever hit that place.

Have you received offers for any project?

Not at all. Basically I had one goal in mind and that was to be the lead singer of INXS. [But] they're looking for a certain type of singer. I thought I could mold myself into that singer but through this process I realized... I am who I am. Bottom line—I am a guitar-rock-oriented, Southern singer.

I was in the bottom three again this week in the elimination process. I deserve to go home.

How would you like to be remembered by INXS and the other rockers?

I want people to remember that Brandon Calhoon didn't try to be someone he wasn't, and that he stayed true to what he did best—old-school rock 'n' roll.

Describe the eight remaining contestants.

They're flat-out incredible artists. Do I think that all of them deserve to be INXS lead singer? No. Do I think some of them will absolutely explode in the music world? Yes.

Let's say another band that you'd fit in as lead singer is holding auditions...

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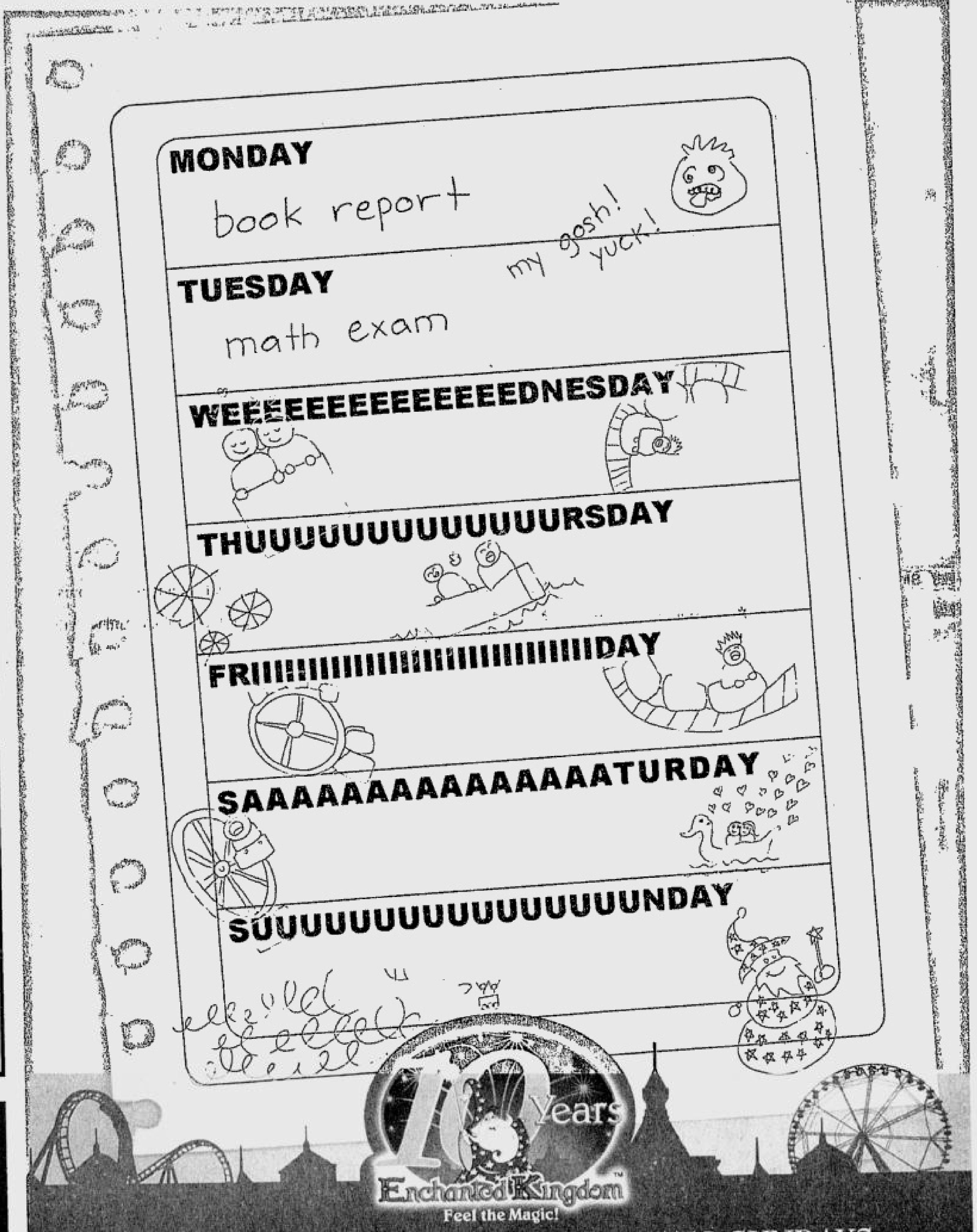

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'I'm gay'

By Nini Valera

A FINALIST in the "Search for A Star in a Million" talent contest on ABS-CBN has admitted he's gay.

JIMMY MARQUEZ

Jimmy Marquez, 23, made the revelation after the "Champions' League of 12" was introduced to the press on Wednesday.

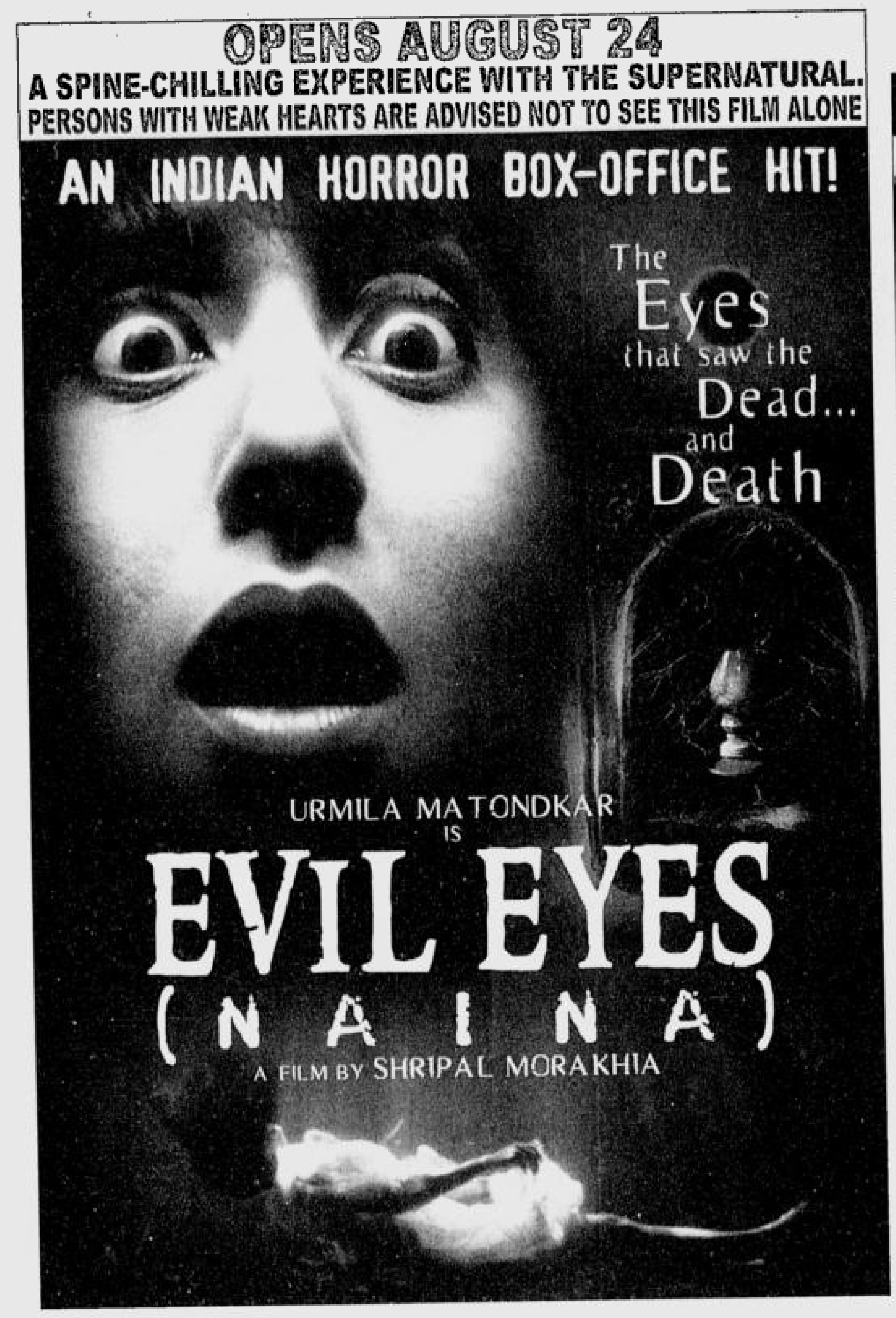
"I want to be true to myself," said the Cebuano singer, adding, "I've never had a boyfriend."

The admission may hurt his chances of winning, as the contest will be decided by text-voting, but it was applauded by the 30 or so members of the entertainment media, most of them gay.

A network executive did not think Jimmy's coming out would affect viewers, whom he said were "more mature now."

The other finalists are: Francis Ong, Tony dela Paz, Shake Valerio, Ais Roxas, Anna Baluyot, Kris Lawrence, Lance Onate, Jayson Perillo, Joey Ignacio, Tata Villaruel, and Vino Bello.

One will be eliminated from the show every week starting today. The winner will bring home P1 million in cash, plus a house and lot.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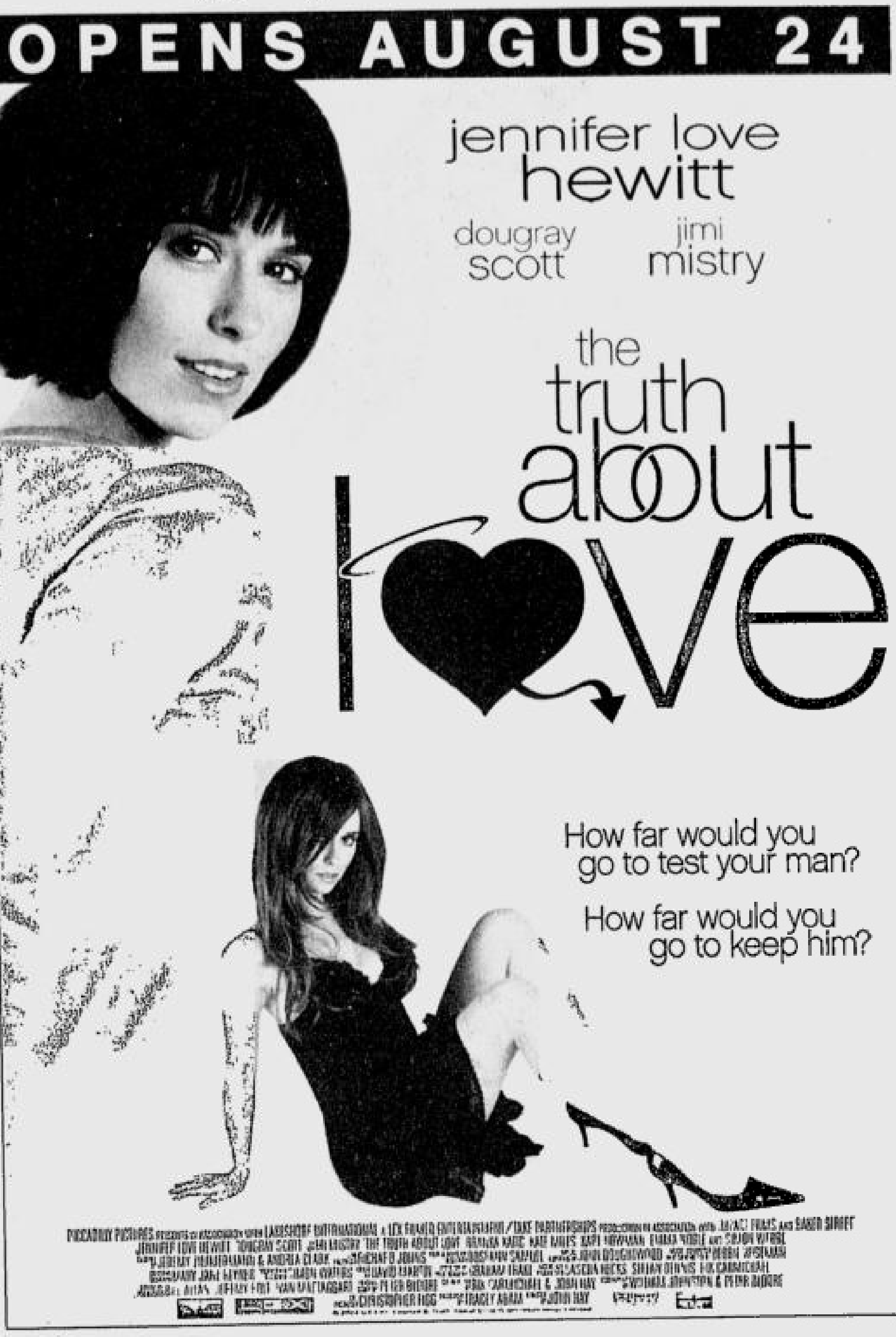
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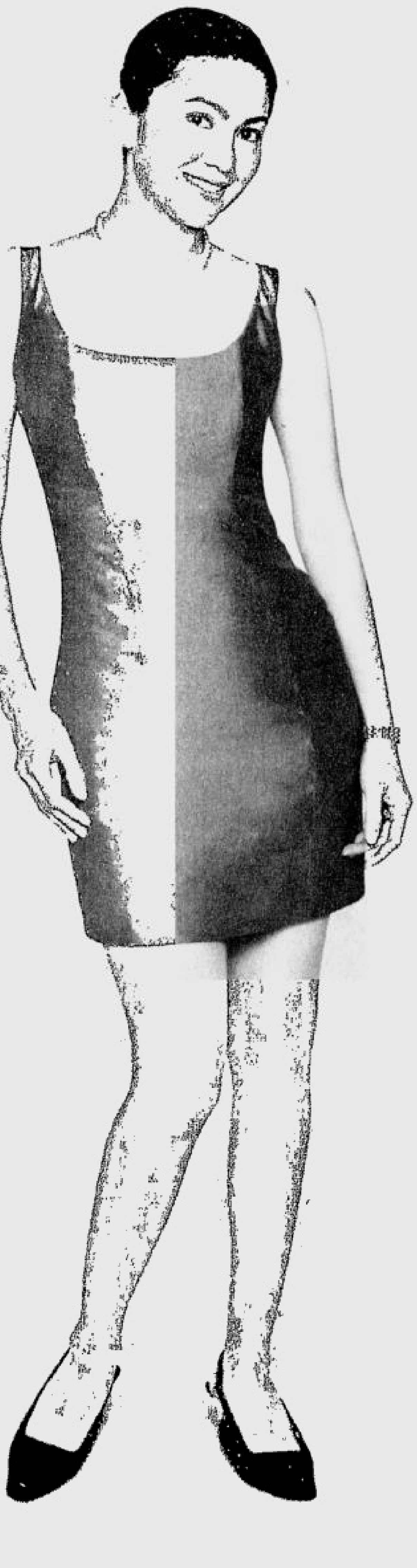

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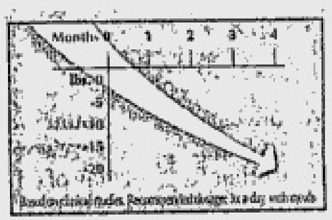

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SALCEDO at 5 months old ...

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Different fields for different firms

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

JUST like Hall of Fame baseball catcher Yogi Berra, after whom he was named, BPI Family Savings Bank president Alfonso "Yogi" L. Salcedo Jr. shows up on the field ready, willing and able to do what is asked of him.

While the enviable work ethic earned for New York Yankees' Berra 15 All Star starts, three Most Valuable Player awards and numerous World Series records, it gave Salcedo a quick run round the bases of the corporate world, ending with the presidency of the country's biggest consumer bank.

It was not the banking sector, however, that first saw the potential of the rooke from the Ateneo de Manila University.

It was consumer goods manufacturing giant Procter & Gamble, which assigned Salcedo to assist in the marketing of Star margarine.

Salcedo tells SundayBiz that people found it amusing that he represented Star Margarine—which became number one behind the tagline "Iba na ang matangkad"—despite being "vertically challenged," as he puts it.

There was nothing funny, however, in the way Salcedo worked hard at his tasks.

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He was promoted to brand assistant in a year and then to assistant brand manager by the time he left the multinational company.

Salcedo tells SundayBiz that among his most memorable learning experiences in P&G was his three-month stint as a truck driver/salesman for Tide in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

As a sales trainee, he had to visit 25 *sari-sari* stores in a designated area, every day of the week, and then make a sale in at least 21 of them.

The soft-spoken Salcedo says that while he was not a natural in sales, he never missed his quota in the three months that he was in training.

That experience, he says, helped him get a real feel of sales, which helped him when he moved to San Miguel Corp. to manage the brands in the softdrinks division, which included Royal Tru Orange, Coca-Cola, Sprite and the defunct Fress and Lem-o-Lime.

He stayed there for just 13 months but not before traveling all over the country and mastering the art of handling different, market leading brands.

Seeing the countryside and meeting ordinary people were just some of what Salcedo had to leave behind when he took up the offer to work for Nippon Vicks KK in Osaka, Japan, managing products such as the popular Vicks cough drops.

"I had so much fun in Japan and Richardson afforded me a blend of professionalism and entrepreneurship," Salcedo says.

It was not so much fun at the start, however, as it took a while for his colleagues to take orders from a 27-year-old Filipino.

But when his marketing calls turned out to be the right decisions that led to growth in market share for Richardson Vicks products, Salcedo finally earned their respect.

"What I appreciated from the Japanese was their teamwork. The peer pressure was so strong that everybody in the task force would work. There was no slouch, no laggard," Salcedo says.

The fact that Salcedo was no slouch either endeared him to his Japanese colleagues.

It was a rewarding stint, but Salcedo and his wife, who was expecting their second daughter, decided to pack their bags and go back to the Philippines.

The Philippines was the apple of the world's eye due to the successful People Power revolution of 1986.

"We were just watching it from Japan. And then my officemates would approach me and congratulate me. Others were even crying over what the Filipinos have done," Salcedo says.

Salcedo was infected by the optimism, thus, it was not difficult to go back home.

Family was another reason. His parents were getting on, and it was difficult to raise children in a foreign place.

Salcedo likewise wanted to contribute to the Philippines' economic growth.

FIRST JOB

He eventually got his chance to do that in Citibank, which he joined in 1989. It was, he says, a major turning point in his career as it introduced him to the fascinating world of financial services.

He was initially apprehensive about joining Citibank since his entire career so far was spent in consumer goods. All he knew about banking was what his teachers told him as he was completing his Economics degree.

But it was precisely because of his background in consumer goods that he got the job as marketing director for the branch banking group, in charge of marketing product develop

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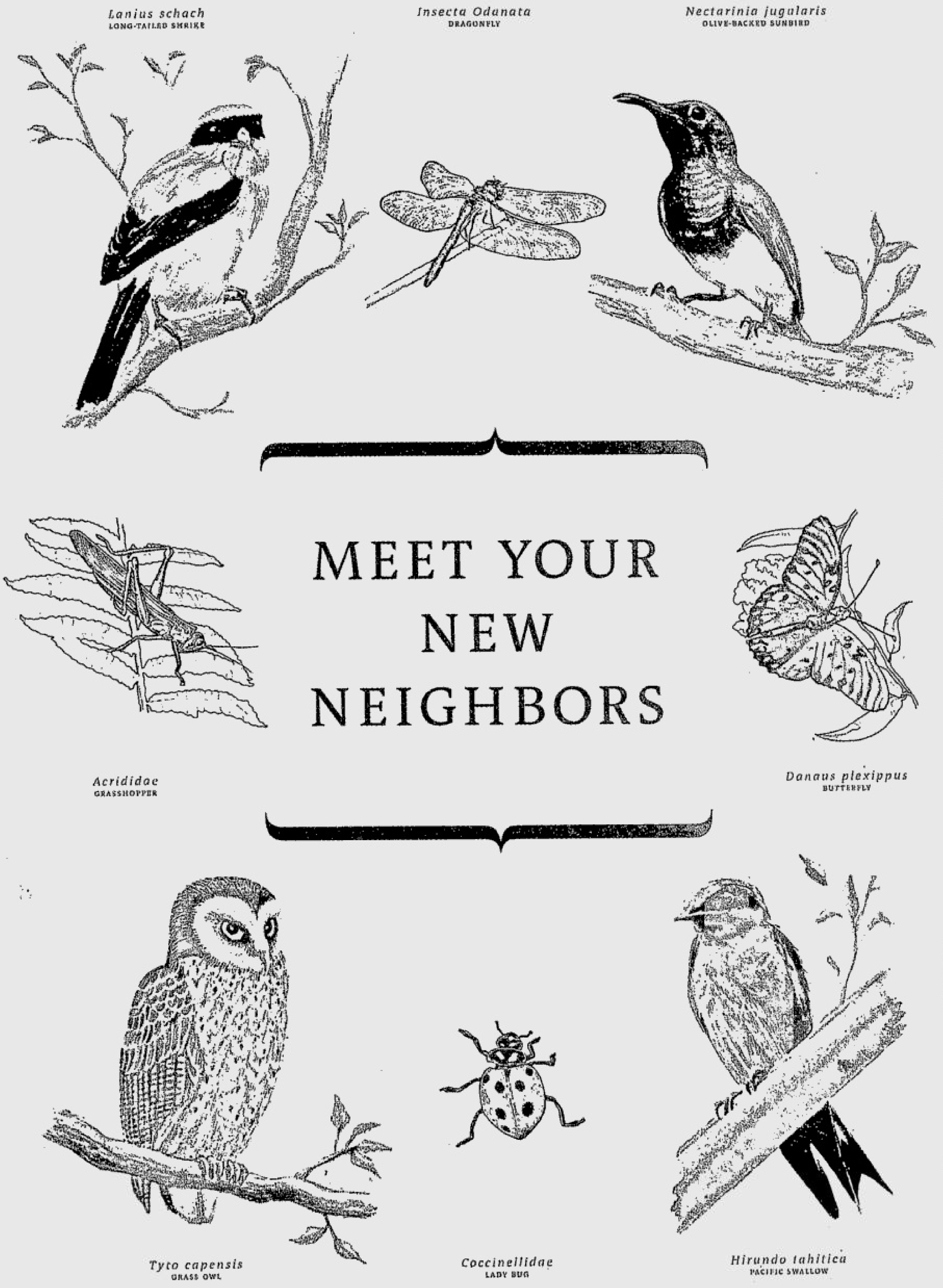
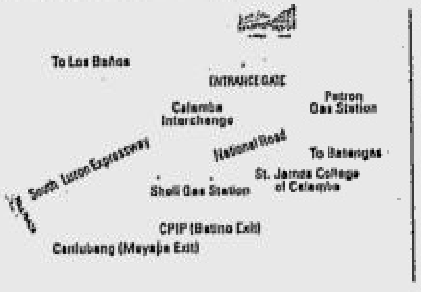
SALCEDO today at 49

... in 1969

... and 1973

SALCEDO with daughter, Lianne, in Japan, 1984





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Discovering East Java, Indonesia

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

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TWELVE years ago, I had the opportunity to live and work in a luxury hotel in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Coming in from a 10-year residency in Los Angeles, California, my son and I never imagined how much fun and rewarding our Surabaya stint was going to be. He and I both agree, given another chance, we will immediately pack our bags and spend a couple more (or even more) years there.

Vernon Prieto, a seasoned business traveler, shares with us his recent East Java experience.

"I just concluded a second trip to East Java and would like to share my wonderful experience and travel information with your loyal business travelers cum readers.

East Java is one of 29 provinces comprising the Republic of Indonesia. Surabaya, its capital, is the second largest city in Indonesia and is the gateway to this fabulous province.

Several airlines fly into Surabaya. The three airlines I recommend are Malaysia Airlines, Garuda Indonesia and Royal Brunei. Unfortunately, none of the airlines have direct flights to Surabaya. All have to stop in their respective hubs before proceeding to Surabaya.

Accommodations in Surabaya are varied and affordable. For the business and leisure traveler, my three recommendations in order of preference are:

The Mandarin Oriental Hotel Majapahit. The Mandarin Oriental Hotel Majapahit is the historic landmark hotel of Surabaya. It was built in 1910 by the famous Sarkies Brothers (who also built the Raffles in Singapore and the

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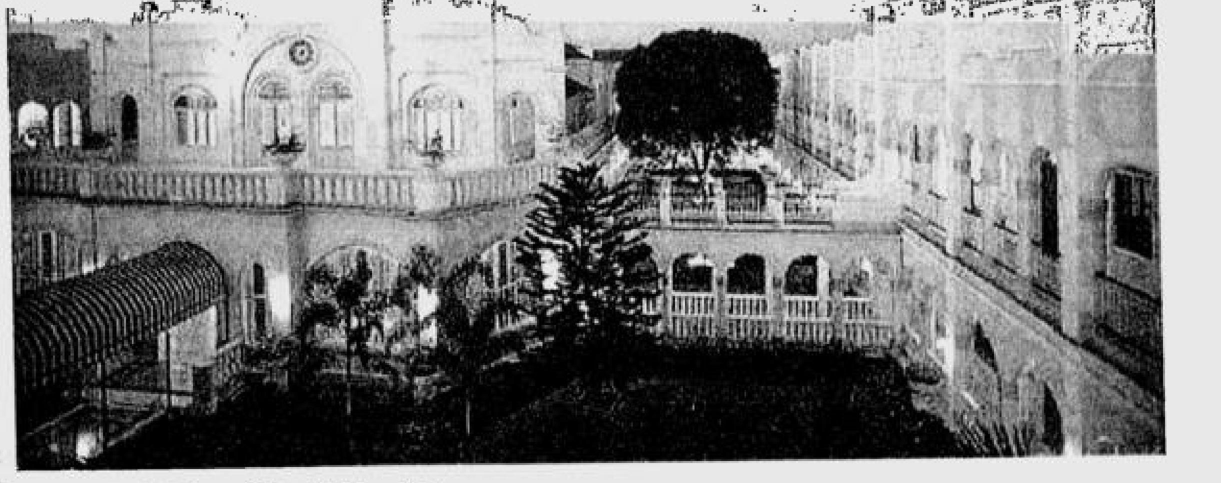

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Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price 559,000.00

LOT 77 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 900 sqm Flr. Area 822 sqm
Lot 708-T-1 Existing Rd. Prk. Bayanihan,
Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,318,000.00

LOT 78 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 600 sqm Flr. Area. 115 sqm
Lot 8229-B-1 Nansma Rd , Manaday Subd.
Minimum Bid Price 864,000.00

LOT 79 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 383 sqm
3-B-4-C-8-G-1 Osmena St.
Minimum Bid Price 977,000.00

LOT 80 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 108 sqm Flr. Area: 180 sqm
Lot 12597-A Osmena Ext.
Minimum Bid Price 784,000.00

LOT 81 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 344 sqm Flr. Area 133 sqm
Lot 406-G-2-B-3-B-3B-1-A Prk. Dunan,
Seminary Drive
Minimum Bid Price 796,000.00

LOT 82 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 170 sqm Flr Area 91 sqm
Lot 7-B-2-A Subd Rd. Prk. Malnawon.
Zafra Subd., Briz District
Minimum Bid Price 576,000.00

LOT 83 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 300 sqm Flr. Area: 120 sqm
Lot 15-I-3-A Magsaysay Extn
Minimum Bid Price 627,000.00

PANABO

LOT 84 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 300 sqm Flr. Area: 217 sqm
Lot B-8-G-1 Gagangohan
Minimum Bid Price 530,000.00

LOT 85 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 170-C Prk. 6, Int. San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 85,000.00

LOT 86 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 1429-1-A-1-B-2-E-4, Prk. 4.
San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 128,000.00

LOT 87 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 900 sqm
Lot 6226-E Rd. Lot, Prk. 6. San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price 306,000.00

LOT 88 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr. Area 98 sqm
Lot 293-A-1-A-9 Prk.Mangga.Brgy Sto.Nino
Minimum Bid Price 379,000.00

NEW CORELLA

LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 704 sqm
Lot No. 2560 Pob
Minimum Bid Price 54,000.00

LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 700 sqm
Lot 2420 Claudio Cor R Magsaysay Sts.
Minimum Bid Price 40,000.00

LOT 91 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,000 sqm
Lot 1916 Magsaysay Ave Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 64,000.00

LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 900 sqm
Lot 2456 Claudio Cor Quirino Sts.
Minimum Bid Price 48,000.00

LOT 93 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,000 sqm
Lot 1864 Magsay-Say Ave Prk. 5
Minimum Bid Price : 66,000.00

LOT 94 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 707 sqm
Lot 2526 Ing St., Pob. New Corella
Minimum Bid Price 46,000.00

LOT 95 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,000 sqm
Lot 1865 Magsay-Say Ave Prk 5
Minimum Bid Price 56,000.00

LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 2112 Fr. Gomez St , Pob
Minimum Bid Price . 48,000.00

LOT 97 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,412 sqm
Lots 2292 & 2291 Bonifacio St. Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 74,000.00

LOT 98 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 338 sqm Flr Area 69 sqm
Lot 1089-B-5-D-6-E Prk 6 Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 176,000.00

LOT 99 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 774 sqm Flr Area 99 sqm
Lot 1090-B-2-C-6-A & 1090-B-2-C-6-B
Romualdez Ext.
Minimum Bid Price 402,000.00

LOT 100 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm Flr. Area: 102 sqm
Lot 2529 Prk. 2 Roxas Ave., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 420,000.00

LOT 101-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 49,702 sqm
Lot 1538-B Barrio Site, Mesaoy Proper
Minimum Bid Price 841,000.00

LOT 102-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 1,000 sqm
Lot 1996 Rizal Ext. St.
Minimum Bid Price 60,000.00

KAPALONG

LOT 103 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 3,458 sqm Flr. Area 353 sqm
Lots D-2-A & D-2-B-2 Prov'L Rd., Maniki
Minimum Bid Price 1,561,000.00

STO. TOMAS

LOT 104 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 80,000 sqm
Lots 2960-A &2961-A Bo Esperanza
Minimum Bid Price : 800,000.00

DAVAO DEL SUR

DAVAO CITY

LOT 105-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,000 sqm
Lot 11 Blk. 3 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price 330,000.00

LOT 106-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,000 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 4 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price . 330,000.00

LOT 107-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,997 sqm
Lot 15 Blk. 4 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price 330,000.00

LOT 108 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 698 sqm
Lot 516-C-3-L Interior Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price 179,000.00

LOT 109 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 760 sqm
Lot 7 Interior Indangan, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 110 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 501 sqm
Lot 8 Interior Indangan, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price 101,000.00

LOT 111 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 134 sqm
Lot 5 No 83Buhangin Rd Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price 349,000.00

LOT 112-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 500 sqm
Lot 28 Interior Indangan. Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price 94,000.00

LOT 113-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 4,800 sqm
Lot 536-A-2 Int , Tigatto. Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price 2,016,000.00

LOT 114-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 5 Blk. 6 , Pioneer Vill., Buhangin
Minimum Bid Price 135,000.00

LOT 115-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 1,263 sqm
Lot 1-I-2 Sobrecary St., Bo. Obrero
Minimum Bid Price 2,224,000.00

LOT 116 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,305 sqm
Lot 9 Matina Hills, Talomo District
Minimum Bid Price . 836,000.00

LOT 117 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,747 sqm
Lot 7 Bangkal Talomo
Minimum Bid Price 1,154,000.00

LOT 118 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 2,747 sqm
Lot 8 Bangkal, Talomo
Minimum Bid Price 1,319,000.00

LOT 119 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 320 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 3 Tulip St., Greenhills Subd.,
Catalunanpequeno, Talomo Dist.
Minimum Bid Price 259,000.00

LOT 120 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 3,636sqm Flr.Area 1,611 sqm
Lots 2-B-5, 2, 1, 4 Macarthur Highway,
Bo. Lizada, Toril
Minimum Bid Price 6,704,000.00

LOT 121 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 228 sqm Flr. Area 77 sqm
Lot 120-C ,205 Prk. 4-A, Brgy 25-C.
Interior Fatima St.
Minimum Bid Price 622,000.00

LOT 122-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 415 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 10 Along Avancena St.
Minimum Bid Price 2,082,000.00

DIGOS CITY

LOT 123 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 1 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 124 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 197 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 125 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 3 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 126 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 127 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 194 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 38,000.00

LOT 128 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 190 sqm
Lot 5 Blk 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 41,000.00

LOT 129 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 190 sqm
Lot 6 Blk 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 41,000.00

LOT 130 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 194 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 38,000.00

LOT 131 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 11 Blk 3 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price . 34,000.00

LOT 132 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 197 sqm
Lot 14 Blk 3 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 133 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 134 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 135 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 136 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 200 sqm
Lot 9 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 137 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 200 sqm
Lot 11 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 138 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 12 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 139 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 197 sqm
Lot 13 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price . 34,000.00

LOT 140 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 141 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 222 sqm
Lot 1 Blk 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 38,000.00

LOT 142 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 210 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 36,000.00

LOT 143 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 210 sqm
Lot 3 Blk 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price . 36,000.00

LOT 144 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 222 sqm
Lot 4 Blk 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price . 38,000.00

LOT 145 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 195 sqm
Lot 13 Blk. 6 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 146 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 198 sqm
Lot 17 Blk. 7 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price 34,000.00

LOT 147 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 968 sqm Flr. Area: 57 sqm
Lot 12-G-9-E-1 Subd. Rd., Cagape Subd ,
San Jose
Minimum Bid Price : 630,000.00

LOT 148 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 4,940 sqm
Lot 12-G-9-F Subd. Rd., Cagape Subd.,
San Jose
Minimum Bid Price 2,100,000.00

LOT 149 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 478 sqm Flr Area: 37 sqm
Lot 12613-C-4 Aurora 6Th St.
Minimum Bid Price 469,000.00

LOT 150 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 726 sqm Flr. Area 297 sqm
L3B6 Del Pilar St.
Minimum Bid Price 1,481,000.00

LOT 151 - SUGARLAND
Lot Area 61,146 sqm
Lot 4572-B Lungag
Minimum Bid Price 671,000.00

LOT 152 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm Flr. Area 184 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 24 Balintawak St
Minimum Bid Price . 588,000.00

LOT 153 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 630 sqm Flr. Area 194 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 30 Jacinto St.
Minimum Bid Price . 1,239,000.00

LOT 154 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm Flr. Area 242 sqm
Lot 21, As-112403-000136/ Blk. 201
Lopez Jaena St.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,039,000.00

LOT 155 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 607 sqm Flr Area. 105 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 151 Bataan St.
Minimum Bid Price 467,000.00

LOT 156 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 708 sqm Flr. Area 104 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 64 Luna Ext.
Minimum Bid Price 675,000.00

LOT 157 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 550 sqm
Lot 17 Blk. 151 Bataan St
Minimum Bid Price . 314,000.00

LOT 158 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 595 sqm
Lot 15 Blk. 151 Nekas St.
Minimum Bid Price 254,000.00

BANSALAN

LOT 159 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 153.50 sqmFlr Area 356 sqm
Lot 30-A Blk 6 Viacrusis St.. Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price 1,469,000.00

LOT 160 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 325 sqm Flr. Area 594 sqm
Lot 5 Blk. 7 Viacrusis St . Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price 2,478,000.00

LOT 161 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 367 sqm Flr Area 183 sqm
Lot 19 Blk. 3 Lily St., Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price 1,038,000.00

LOT 162 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr Area 300 sqm
Lot 9 Blk. 6 J.P. Laurel St . Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price 1,173,000.00

LOT 163 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 10,000 sqm
Lot 5296-A New Clarin Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price 150,000.00

HAGONOY

LOT 164 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 1,429 sqm Flr Area 137 sqm
Lot 9160-C Brgy Rd . San Isidro
Minimum Bid Price . 325,000.00

LOT 165 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 41,652 sqm
Lot 125, Pls. 632 Ext. Ihan
Minimum Bid Price 440,000.00

LOT 166 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 46,354 sqm
Lot 108, Pls 632 Ext. Ihan, Kiblawan
Minimum Bid Price 344,000.00

MALITA

LOT 167 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 227 sqm Flr. Area. 220 sqm
Lot 173-A Quezon St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price 915,000.00

STA. MARIA

LOT 168 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,800 sqm Flr.Area. 259 sqm
Lot 7273-F-1-A Lambino Subd . Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 1,276,000.00

SULOP

LOT 169-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 263 sqm
Lot 5777-I-4-E Municipal Rd. To
Waterfall Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 72,000.00

LOT 170 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 189 sqm
Lot 5777-I-4-D Municipal Rd. To
Waterfall Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 54,000.00

DAVAO ORIENTAL

MATI

LOT 171-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,196 sqm
Lots 3344 & 3345 Existing Rd. Bobon
Minimum Bid Price 48,000.00

LOT 172 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 28,457 sqm
Lot 376 Brgy Bobon
Minimum Bid Price . 61,000.00

LOT 173 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 301 sqm Flr. Area. 35 sqm
Lot 5117-A-2 Subd. Rd. Lemente Vill
Calagundian
Minimum Bid Price 156,000.00

LOT 174 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 15,791 sqm
Lot No. 464 Lawigan
Minimum Bid Price . 76,000.00

LOT 175 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm Flr. Area 66 sqm
Lot 595-B-25 Rizal St., Limatoc
Minimum Bid Price 1,214,000.00

LOT 176 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 4 Rd. Lot 1, Ong Subd.
Lomagaob
Minimum Bid Price : 209,000.00

LOT 177 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 240 sqm Flr. Area 173 sqm
Lot 18 & 19 Blk. 3 Camia St . Don Luis
Vill., Madang
Minimum Bid Price 457,000.00

LOT 178 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 32 Municipal Rd., Madang
Minimum Bid Price 285,000.00

LOT 179 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 886 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-I Madang
Minimum Bid Price 340,000.00

LOT 180 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 120 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 4 Orchid St., Don Luis Vill.
Madang
Minimum Bid Price 62,000.00

LOT 181 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 195 sqm
Lot 2-D-6-C Rd Lot 2-D-9 Madang
Minimum Bid Price 83,000.00

LOT 182 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 195 sqm
Lot 2-D-6-D Rd Lot 2-D-9 Madang
Minimum Bid Price 83,000.00

LOT 183 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 209 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-D Subd Rd., Madang
Minimum Bid Price 89,000.00

LOT 184 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 217 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-E Subd Rd , Madang
Minimum Bid Price 93,000.00

LOT 185 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 201 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-F Subd. Rd , Madang
Minimum Bid Price 86,000.00

LOT 186 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 238 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-G Subd. Rd . Madang
Minimum Bid Price 102,000.00

LOT 187 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 2,276 sqm Flr. Area 120 sqm
Lot 3-A-7-B-1 Interior Lot W/O Row
Bitanagan, Brgy Don Martin Marundan
Minimum Bid Price 176,000.00

LOT 188 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm
Lot 5312-E Interior Lot W/O Rrow Prk.
Pakkisama, Pahamutang Rd , Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 45,000.00

LOT 189 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 378 sqm
Lot 1 Blk. 2 Rd. Lot 1 Lower Kapayas,
Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 76,000.00

LOT 190 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,821 sqm
Lot D-4-B Interco Drive, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 508,000.00

LOT 191 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 464 sqm Flr. Area 140 sqm
Lot 600-B-2-G-1 Interior Lot W/O Rd
Right Of Way Int. Dabcor Rd Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 167,000.00

LOT 192 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 20,000 sqm Flr Area 160 sqm
Lot 1-B & Lot 1-D Brgy Rd Upper
Kapayas, Don Martin Marundan. Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 954,000.00

LOT 193-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 448 sqm
Lot D-7-G Prk. Malambo-On, Interior
Interco Drive,Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 77,000.00

LOT 194-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 5364-E (5424) Alley Lower Kapayas,
Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 111,000.00

LOT 195-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 5364-A Alley Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 111,000.00

LOT 196-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 551 sqm
Lot 5364-H Alley Lower Kapayas. Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 122,000.00

LOT 197 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 499 sqm
Lot 1777-B Subd. Rd . Lower Kapayas,
Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 198 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 1777-O Brgy. Rd., Lower Kapayas,
Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 199 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 486 sqm
Lot 1777-J Alley Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 104,000.00

LOT 200 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,104 sqm
Lot 4-L-2-I Adjacent To Lopez Vill Subd.,
Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 442,000.00

LOT 201 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 216 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 14 Sibala Vill . Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 46,000.00

LOT 202 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 221 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 14 Sibala Vill., Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 47,000.00

LOT 203 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 223 sqm
Lot 19 Blk 12 Sibala Vill Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 44,000.00

LOT 204 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 499 sqm
Lot 1777-H Rd. Lot 1777-T Lower
Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 107,000.00

LOT 205 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 499 sqm
Lot 1777-G Rd. Lot 1777-T Lower
Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price 107,000.00

LOT 206 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 147 sqm Flr. Area: 83 sqm
Lot 152-D-2-A Rizal Extn , Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 383,000.00

LOT 207 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 524 sqm Flr. Area: 532 sqm
L3 B14 Municipal Rd , Sto. Nino, Pob
Minimum Bid Price 3,906,000.00

LOT 208 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 179 sqm Flr. Area: 64 sqm
Lot 3814-1-3 Along Don S Garcia St ,
Upper Salazar
Minimum Bid Price 333,000.00

MANAY

LOT 209 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 790 sqm Flr. Area: 130 sqm
Lot 1579-A Nat'L Highway San Ignacio
Minimum Bid Price 201,000.00

LOT 210 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 62,672 sqm
Lot 1700-A & 1700-D San Ignacio
Minimum Bid Price 320,000.00

LOT 211 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 5,000 sqm Flr. Area 304 sqm
Lot 290-A Nat'L Hway
Minimum Bid Price 2,614,000.00

LUPON

LOT 212 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 141 sqm Flr. Area. 108 sqm
Lot 2007 Aguinaldo St., Baybay
Minimum Bid Price 625,000.00

LOT 213 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 5,000 sqm
Lot 2515-B Brgy Ilangay
Minimum Bid Price 700,000.00

LOT 214 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 42,008 sqm
Lot No. 2435-A Brgy Ilangay
Minimum Bid Price 588,000.00

LOT 215 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 207 sqm Flr Area 30 sqm
L4 No. 0177 Immaculada, Int Aguinaldo S'
Minimum Bid Price 136,000.00

LOT 216 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,231 sqm Flr. Area 293 sqm
Lot No 1 Comara St . Pob
Minimum Bid Price 1,785,000.00

GOV. GENEROSO

LOT 217 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 831 sqm
Lot 1105/600 Dao, Upper, Tibanban
Minimum Bid Price 32,000.00

LOT 218 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 1,239 sqm
Lot 1113/600 Dao. Upper Tibanban
Minimum Bid Price 40,000.00

CATEEL

LOT 219 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr. Area. 123 sqm
Lot 5 Lopez Jaena Extn. St., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 712,000.00

CARAGA

LOT 220 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 400 sqm Flr Area 144 sqm
#91-B Cor Frabrilox&Sobrecaroy Sts., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price 295,000.00

LOT 221 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 13,935 sqm
Lot 2094 Brgy Sta Fe
Minimum Bid Price 48,000.00

LOT 222 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 17,952 sqm
Lot 2104 Brgy Sta Fe
Minimum Bid Price 86,000.00

BANAYBANAY

LOT 223 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,609 sqm Flr. Area.113 sqm
Lot 92-C-4 Calubian
Minimum Bid Price . 264,000.00

LOT 224 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 28,231 sqm
Lot 3480-D Mogbongcogon
Minimum Bid Price : 530,000.00

LOT 225 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area.1,039 sqm Flr. Area: 153 sqm
Lot No. 5 Nat'L Hway Brgy. Piso
Minimum Bid Price : 642,000.00

LOT 226 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 9,320 sqm
Lot 11 Prk. 5, San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 140,000.00

LOT 227 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 395 sqm Flr. Area: 88 sqm
Lot 2-G-6 Rd Lot 2-G-9 Prk. 7-A Molave
Minimum Bid Price 445,000.00

BAGANGA

LOT 228 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 190 sqm Flr. Area: 267 sqm
Lot 62-C Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 936,000.00

COMPOSTELA VALLEY

PANTUKAN

LOT 229 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 3,761 sqm Flr Area: 126 sqm
526-B Prk. 5, Pagakpak, Bonga-Bong
Minimum Bid Price . 733,000.00

LOT 230 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
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Panda ice cream leaves top brands out in the cold

THE ICE cream used to be sold only in tubes that contain four gallons.

By Joel V. Nigos

SIBULAN, Negros Oriental—Royani Dy was only in third-year college then when, she remembers, her family discussed plans to put up a new business during one of their dinners.

The Dys were no strangers to running one. Her parents, Romulo and Yanny, had been managing an ice plant in Sibulan town, Negros Oriental, since 1980.

Business was good for the ice plant as it was serving a diverse clientele-interisland vessels that docked at the Dumaguete port, dressing plants of known chicken brands Magnolia and Swift, local restaurants as well as fishing boats.

Though the ice plant was providing them enough income, they noticed that it was not being used to its full capacity. That was when the idea of starting another business came about.

Royani recalls that everybody was excited about the idea. There was no need for a major investment because they already had the facility. The only question was to come up with the product.

She and her mother took a short course in ice-cream making to further enhance their knowledge.

"It was in Singapore where we studied ice-cream making. Back home, when we were preparing our recipe, we just made some adjustments to fit to the Filipino taste at the same time took into consideration the ingredients or the flavors that are available locally," she relates.

It was in 1995 when the Dys introduced the ice cream to the local folks. They named it Panda Fresh Fruits Ice Cream. Royani shares that directly competing with the top three brands, which were popular in the area, was never on their agenda. "We just wanted to offer the local residents a new taste of ice cream," she says.

A different ice cream

Royani says that there was conscious effort on their part to make Panda a different ice cream.

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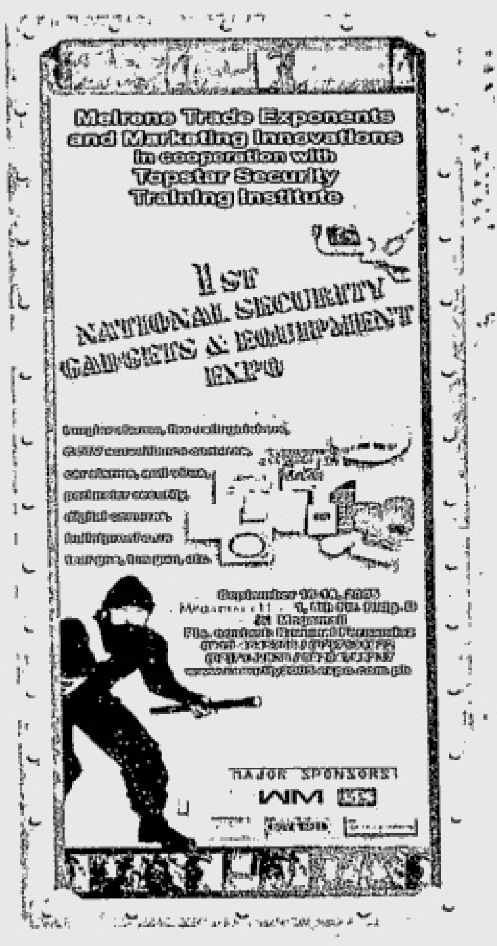

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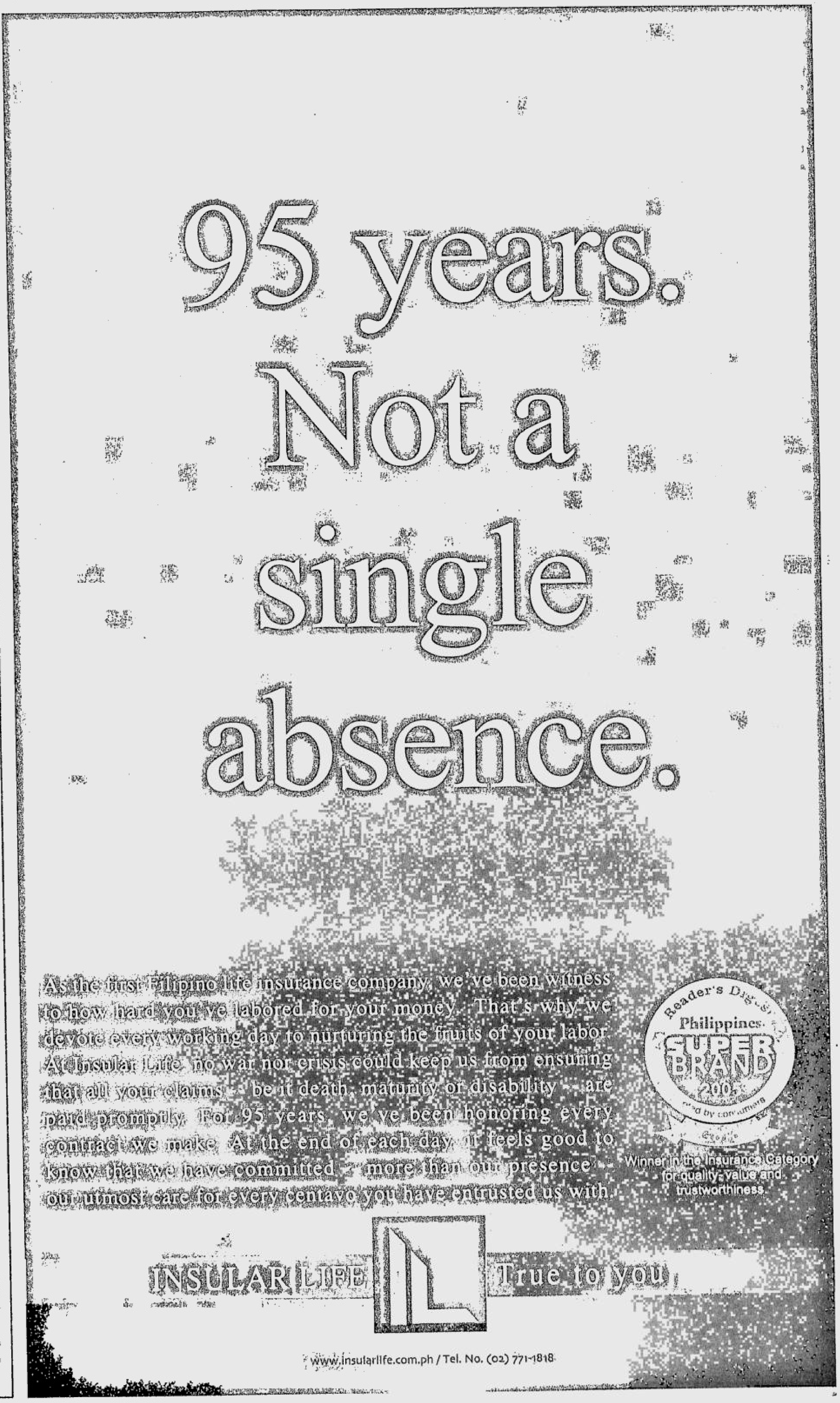
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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

Samsung's launches 'Imagine' Digital Partners Roadshow 2005

BUILDING on its established brand as one of the world's leading producers of lifestyle-enhancing solutions, Samsung Electronics recently launched its largest-ever audio-visual roadshow in the country. Leveraging on its new brand campaign "Imagine," Samsung is calling on consumers to live the company's latest range of audio-visual products around the way they work and play.

"Samsung is already a very big part of people's lives from their mobile phones to the appliances they have at home. It's not hard to imagine where we fit in, and we know Samsung has helped make lives more fun, exciting and productive. We want our cutting-edge technology, and other advanced products being shown today, to make our customers' imagination a reality," said Spenser Shim, president and CEO of Samsung Electronics Philippines Corp.

Incorporating the 'Imagine' theme this year, the Digital Partners Roadshow not only demonstrates Samsung's continuing leadership in technology and stylish designs, but also serves to elevate its brand leadership.

Imagine... The finest sights - Among the leading-edge picture technologies on display at the Samsung Imagine AV Roadshow is its range of flat-panel televisions: plasma displays, LCD-TVs, Projection TVs and DLP TVs. The range boasts the industry highest 10,000:1 contrast ratio, and a jaw-dropping 549 billion colours, more than seven times the current industry standard.

Under the spotlight is Samsung's SlimFit TVs, the company's new category of Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) TVs. SlimFit TVs reduces the depth of standard CRT TV by up to 33 per cent. They also incorporate Nano Pigment technology, which brings better contrast and greater range of colours compared to industry standards. Samsung's winning image-enhancement technology DNIe produces superior image quality that customers of its plasma displays, LCDs, Projection TVs and DLP TVs already enjoy.

Imagine... Sound and visuals that embraces you - Apart from its flat-panel televisions, Samsung is showcasing two new features of its new Hypervision DVD players. High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) ensures digital pictures and sounds are not lost during digital transfers, while HD JPEG supports 1920x1080i resolution HD JPEG playback. Normal DVD players allow only downsized 640x480 resolution JPEG playback.

Samsung's latest home theatre systems are fitted with the Super Digital Sound Master - EXTM for life-like surround-sound impact with the touch of a button.

SHOWN are Sang-jin Park, president and CEO of Samsung Asia; Tessa Prieto Valdez; Spencer Shim, president and CEO of Sepco and Agustine Lim, regional manager.

Samsung's state-of-the-art Home Theater System

SAMSUNG has unveiled yet another technology set to push the limits in digital networking and convergence, providing a wraparound cinematic experience for viewers.

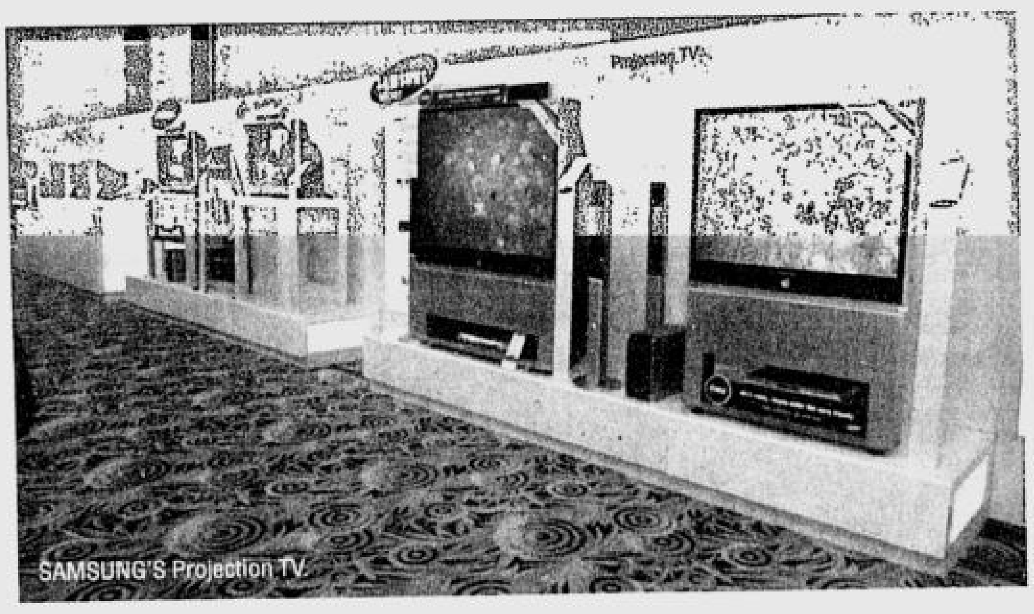
Samsung's cutting-edge Home Theatre System offers the Super Digital Sound Master sDSM-EXTM, a proprietary sound technology that delivers:

- Extreme Surround Sound - offers 360 degrees surround sound with only a 5.1 channel sound speaker system.
- Auto Sound Calibration (ASC) - allows the audience to experience the same sound at the touch of an auto setup button, regardless of where they are seated, making the spot the most ideal listening area in just 15 seconds.
- Live Surround Mode - listeners can enjoy life-like 5.1 channel surround sound impact
- Virtual headphone function provides 5.1 channel surround sound using normal headphones.

The Samsung's Home Theater System also enhances the home entertainment experience by introducing the USB Host Play. The USB Host Play connects with any gadget that contains a USB storage device, and will play various multimedia files at your command. It works with any device that supports "Plug & Play" with personal computers. Users can also create a link with an MP3 player, Digital Still Camera, Multimedia player, Mass Storage, USB Memory and Memory Card to create a superior home entertainment environment.

This innovation allows most file formats (DIVX, XVID, WMA, MPG, MPEG, JPEG, and JPG) to be played. Simply connect your portable player into the USB jack in the Samsung Home Theatre system to browse music files. These files can be projected onto the TV screen where viewers can select the song they want to play.

SANG-JIN Park, president and CEO of Samsung Asia, delivers his speech.



SAMSUNG'S Projection TV.

Audubon Int'l certifies Malagos Resort as cooperative sanctuary

MALAGOS Garden Resort, Davao's haven, was certified as the first property in the Philippines and the 39th in the world as highest rating for Wildlife and Habitat Management, Waste Management and Outreach Education by Audobon International, a non-profit environmental education organization dedicated to educating , assisting and inspiring millions of people from all walks of life to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife and natural resources around them. Meaning, the spic and span resort is now a Certified Audobon Cooperative Santuary.

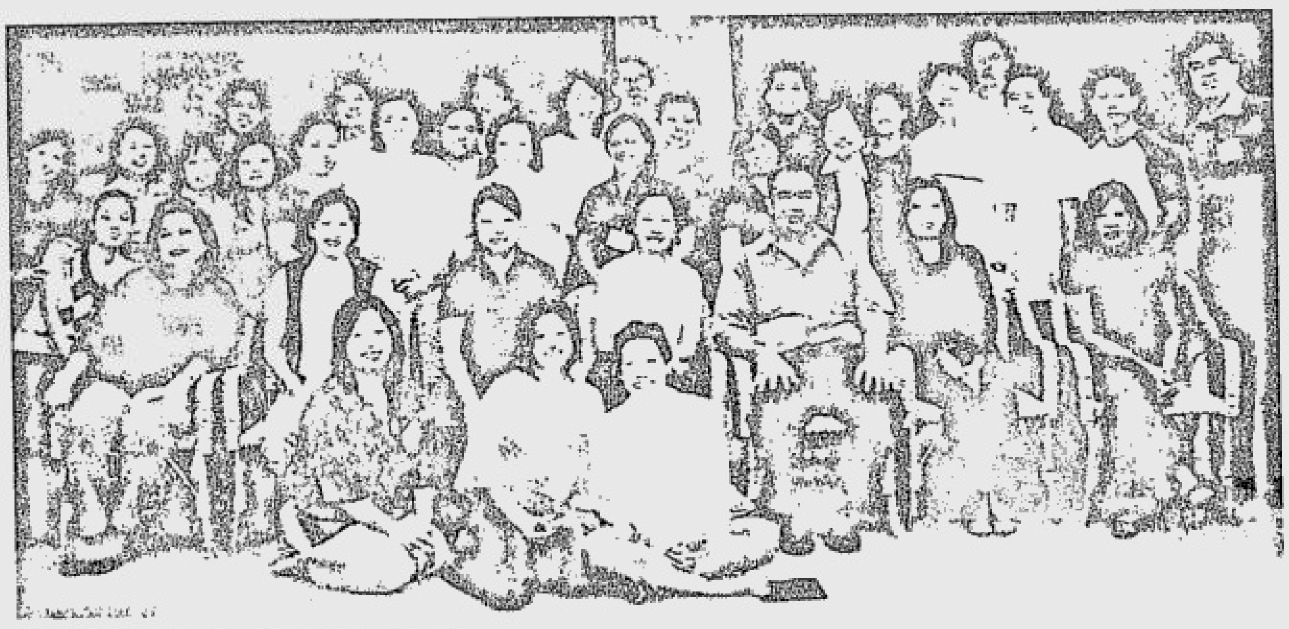
Malagos Garden Resort host a rare collections of indigenous Philippine flora and fauna with several species of butterflies also thrive in its enclosed sanctuary area. With in its area, a birds park has been built to ensconced rescued and rehabilitated birds. The resort has an unpretentious amenities for quiet relaxation, catching up with one's reading, or satisfying one's aesthetic sense by looking at vari-colored plants and flowers so arranged with simplicity.

The landscape artist had used rooftops of shed houses, trellises, fern trees and fences to support orchids and ornamentals creating an over-all harmony of quiet and relaxed ambience. There is a waterfall – its presence a cooling effect – that seems to flow with a very slow movement of the waters down a man-made creek into a pond at the entrance of the resort. An attention getter are rows of orchids blooming profusely. Just looking at the flowers for a few minutes in such a quiet atmosphere will draw one's attention to nature's power to create such a wonderful and marvelous harmony of colors.

The resort is definitely Filipino in concept. Even the materials used for the garden's infrastructure were carefully made from selected native materials. The most striking feature of the resort is the garden occupying over half of the entire area and fully planted with native orchids and orchid hybrids coming from the Puentespina orchid laboratory. Other amenities of the resort like the restaurant and the swimming pool were added last year.

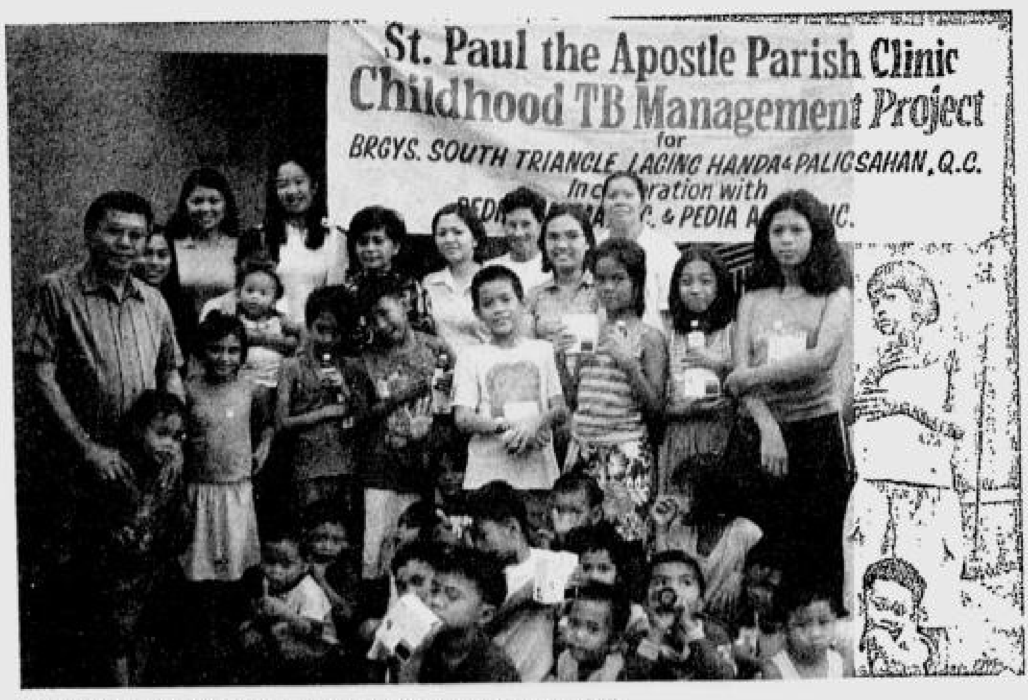
"Our original concept is to make this garden a sanctuary for native orchids, many of which are endangered" said Charita Puentespina, popularly known as Davao's waling-waling lady for having "returned back home" the waling-waling after almost a century of neglect. Ayo Gunting, a media practitioner, call her "Queen of the Orchids". Puentespina was the first to successfully culture the waling-waling in 1985. The once forested portion of Malagos, was part of the home of the waling-waling which disappeared due to neglect and habitat degradation.

The Garden resort is a jewel to the Puentespinas – a vision of a dream taking shape; an island haven providing an alternative to sands, beaches and the sun, said Bert Puentespina Sr.



BCPM PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Bankers' Council for Personnel Management (BCPM) held a very successful strategic planning and team building workshop last April 29 to 30, at the Eugenio Lopez Center in Antipolo City. Forty four representatives from 27 banks participated in the workshop which formulated the plans and programs that the BCPM would undertake for the next 2 years. One important decision made during this workshop was to change the name of the organization from Bankers' Council for Personnel Management to Bankers' Council for People Management. The new name reflects the change in the bankers' thinking towards human resources, from being the company's personnel/administrative department, to becoming more of a strategic partner to business which the name 'People Management' suggests. BCPM is an organization composed of the human resource officers of the various banks operating in the Philippines.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PEDIAPHARMA CHILDHOOD TB PROJECT

As its flagship corporate social responsibility project, Pediapharma Inc (PPI), a market leader in innovative pediatric pharmaceutical and consumer products, has completed its first of several barangay-based childhood TB treatment program at St. Paul the Apostle Parish (SPAP), Timog Avenue, Quezon City. The beneficiaries were children from Barangay South Triangle, Quezon City. The program is now on its second phase. This medical mission is one of the action plans of the health ministry endorsed by SPAP's dynamic parish priest, Fr. Nelson Orqueta, with the help of Brgy chair Xyrus Lanot. Financial support was extended by Pediapharma Inc and Pedia Aids Inc (PAI). Voluntary manpower services were provided by Dr. Bennette Kwong of Capitol Medical Center, pharmacists and office personnel of PPI, health volunteers of Brgy. South Triangle and Dr. Arturo C. Ludan, president/CEO of PPI and PAI. Shown are the beneficiaries of the Pediapharma childhood TB project with the health volunteers, PPI personnel, Dr. Kwong and Dr. Ludan.

Product FILES

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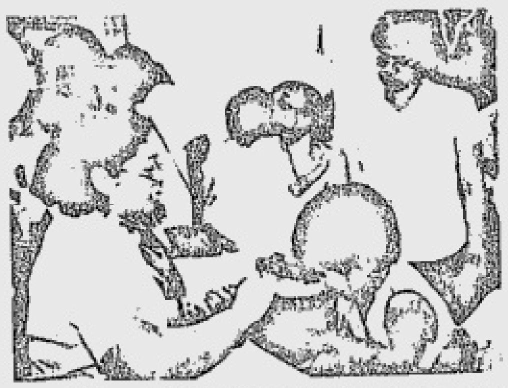

Marites Escarcha (standing), AVP and assistant general manager of CDO-Foodsphere Inc assists patients during a medical mission organized recently by the meat processing firm as part of its 30th year anniversary activities. The annual project, designed to showcase the corporate social responsibility of CDO, benefited more than 300 patients in Valenzuela City. Free medicines were made possible by United Laboratories and Pascual Laboratories.

UNILAB WINS MCEA SILVER FOR ALAXAN FR

Alaxan FR, the most widely used and trusted pain reliever in the market from United Laboratories Inc (Unilab) won the Silver Trophy for Most Effective New Product Introduction for Alaxan FR in the 1st Marketing Communications Effectiveness Awards (MCEA). Photo shows Unilab corporate vice president for consumer health Jun Vivar (4th from left) receiving the Alaxan FR Silver Trophy from JimenezBasic Group creative director Bingbong Infante. With them are (from left) JimenezBasic senior executive officer Matec Villanueva, Unilab product manager Mark Go-Alcantara, JimenezBasic account director Karol Fadri and Unilab category head Josel Garcia.

Panda ice cream leaves...

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ICE CREAM in slices

ICE CREAM CAKE

"We believe that this was our only way of penetrating the market. Since a lot of people were getting health-conscious, we thought of making our ice cream low in fat and less in sugar. Preservatives were also not used since we want to offer only fresh ice cream—those that are disposed off immediately after production and would be consumed by the customer within days," she says.

Panda's initial flavors were mango, *nangka*, *ube*, *macapuno*, chocolate, mocca, vanilla, *durian* and melon. Availability of the fruits, Royani says, was the main consideration in choosing the flavors that they produce. The fruits are sourced from the local farmers as well as from nearby provinces. At present, Panda has 15 flavors, most of them fruit-based. Mango is the top-seller all-year round.

A SCOOP of ice cream wrapped in a special dough

"We know our cost should also be competitive. We were able to offer lower prices for our fruit-based flavors since our supply for fruits came just here," she says adding that for classic flavors like chocolate and mocca, Panda's prices are still competitive.

"When we started, we were selling in bulk. We sell the ice cream in what we call tubes which contains four gallons of ice cream. Our prime target really was to provide ice cream for occasions like fiestas and parties. We also targeted the local restaurants and offer it as part of their menu," she recalls.

A few years after Panda became a by-word in ice cream in Negros Oriental, Royani says that they realized that they will be able to expand their market more if they will offer Panda the way the top brands do—in gallons, half-gallons and pint sizes. During this time also, they started distributing Panda to the other side of Negros island—the Bacolod market.

Soon, Panda gained a strong foothold in the island's ice cream market. They later ventured to the other Visayan provinces of Cebu and Iloilo. Bohol was their next stop and much later, they began shipping the ice cream further ashore to the Mindanao cities of Davao and Cagayan de Oro.

"But we stopped distributing to Mindanao in 2001 after we encountered problems with transporting the ice cream and the freight costs. Inter-island vessel schedules had become erratic and since our product is perishable and we want to keep them always fresh, we stopped the distribution. After that, we just concentrated on our Visayan market," explains Royani adding that they will take on Mindanao again when the right time comes.

NEGROS Oriental's Dy family: Makers of Panda ice cream

By this time, almost everybody in the family was involved in the business. Royani, who had already finished college, replaced her mother as its general manager who then took the role of consultant. Her father was involved in marketing and its day-to-day operations.

Ice cream house

In 2001, Panda opened its first ice cream house in Dumaguete near the famous Rizal Boulevard strip.

"It was also in 2001 when my younger sister Angeline graduated from college. She then began helping the business," she says.

That was also the time when they have diversified into other products such as the fried ice cream and other desserts as well as those food items which could be served with ice cream. Fried ice cream is one scoop of ice cream wrapped in special dough then deep fried. It is cooked fast like potato fries and is then served immediately.

"We thought that ice cream is not an everyday food so we decided to add Soya milk in our product line, then pastries like rainbow cakes, ice cream bars, fried ice cream, jellies, chocolate mousse and spaghetti."

Panda is now serving the Visayan provinces of Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental, Cebu, Bohol and Iloilo. Occasionally, they also cater to orders from Cagayan de Oro, Misamis and even as far as Manila.

Market share

Unlike the known brands, Panda did not advertise. And yet its growth was phenomenal. It now has about one-third of the Visayan ice cream market and directly competing with the other popular brands.

"It is costly for us to go to tri-media though we have one in local radio before and in local TV when our ice cream house opened in 2001. We did distribute flyers in the communities but I think we generated more customers primarily because of word-of-mouth. I believe it speaks of the quality of our products," she beams.

Royani says the ice cream's qualities—the low-fat, less sugar and no preservatives and its being fresh all the time—are what made it a hit to the market.

Royani says that Visayas would still be its main market in the next few years.

"But we're not closing the possibility of entering the Manila market and going back to Mindanao again. I think that requires keen planning on our part because of the uniqueness of our product and we just don't want to go to other areas half-baked," she explains.

Awards

The family's efforts didn't go unnoticed though from both private and government organizations. On July 22, 1999, Robert H. Dy received the Outstanding NegOrSyante award in "Manufacturing Category" during the Negros Oriental SME Development Council's SME Week by the Department of Trade and Industry in Dumaguete City. And on June 26, 2001, Panda Ice Cream was the recipient of the Grand Chamber Award for Family Entrepreneurship, "Invention in Food Technology" category, during the Cebu Business Month in Cebu City.

"We started everything from scratch. Everything from the recipe we developed it ourselves. We also created our own techniques in manufacturing," she says.

She says they are proud because they have brought name to the province as Panda has become associated with it. Tasting it and visiting its ice cream house has also become part of the local tourism's itinerary.

"It is something to look forward to when one visits the province, just like our local cuisine and delicacies," shares Royani.

Asked why they chose the name Panda, Royani says, "We find it cute and easy to remember. In Chinese, it's also considered good luck. We're glad we have chosen that name because it clicked."

Different fields ...

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ment management, marketing services and telemarketing.

"The job came at a time when Citibank was hiring nonbanking people to be part of the consumer banking side. I was one of those that they hired," Salcedo says.

He ended up staying in Citibank for 10 years. What a journey it was, he says. As challenging as the consumer goods sector was, the financial world was even more so. He never really thought he would enjoy it so much.

"Marketing financial services is more challenging because you do not have a product that people can touch. The battle is in the minds of the people," he says.

He adds that in consumer goods, the marketing plan is relatively simple. Just come up with an effective advertising campaign, make the product jump out of the shelf. In the end, when the consumer buys it, the product will speak for itself.

"In banking, the battle is fought every day. Every time a person uses your services, the company must be able to deliver it flawlessly. That means more teamwork within the organization. The consumers are also more demanding," he says.

Salcedo relished the challenges that went his way in Citibank, enabling him to move up the ladder to become country marketing director, handling the global consumer banking group, when he left to join Allstate Life Insurance Company of the Philippines Inc., as president and chief executive officer.

SALCEDO with Aurelio Montinola III

Insurance was yet another world for Salcedo, but he quickly got into the swim of things.

Here he learned all about motivating people to do their best in their jobs, and rounded up his experience in sales.

"It was very fruitful and I have always said that if you could manage an insurance agency, you can handle any organization," he says.

Salcedo says he loved the monthly challenge of meeting sales goals, and in finding ways to resolve differences among people and organizations to meet the sales goals.

"That experience reiterated the belief that you work through people. If you think you're a superstar, you won't succeed because you can not survive if you think you can do everything on your own," he says.

He stayed six years in insurance, including his stint as president of Ayala Life and FGU and lead director of the Ayala insurance companies, before he was asked to take up his current post.

Salcedo believes working in different fields for different companies prepared him for his current job, and he intends to do his best.

He says it is in consumer banking that he feels that he could really contribute to the economy, since he is going strong on helping small and medium-scale enterprises.

"That makes me want to wake up in the morning," he says.

And sunny days are here for Salcedo as BPI Family Bank maintains its lead in the consumer loans business.

"I would like to see the day when BPI becomes a regional player. It feels good to see other Filipino companies leaving to compete overseas. So why not BPI?" he says.

If Salcedo's batting average can be relied on, chances are, he would be there to make it happen.

Discovering East Java, Indonesia

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Strand in Yangon). Its graceful colonial architecture, stained glass windows and beautiful gardens make it an oasis of serenity in the hustle and bustle of Surabaya, Indonesia's City of Heroes. The hotel is located in the heart of Surabaya's business and shopping district and is only 25 minutes from the airport.

Novotel Surabaya Hotel & Suites. The Novotel Surabaya Hotel & Suites is a residential resort within the city of Surabaya. Its classic award winning Indonesian architecture blends superbly with the tropical landscape. A full range of business and leisure activities makes this property not just a business residence but also a resort. It is conveniently located in the main business district of Surabaya and is only 20 minutes from the airport.

Shangri-La Hotel Surabaya. The Shangri-La Hotel Surabaya is one of the finest luxury hotels in Surabaya. It is situated in the prestigious residential area of Darmo and is close to several international golf courses. It is only 30 minutes away from the international airport.

Much of the sightseeing in Surabaya is a reminder of the period when Indonesia was struggling for independence (1945-1949). Other areas of interest include the old town with its Arab and Chinese quarters, the Mesjid Ampel Mosque where Sunan Ample, one of the nine missionaries of Java, is buried and the famous Kalimas harbor.

HOTEL Tugu Malang

Surabaya is the place to start exploring East Java. From here, one can embark on numerous adventures including:

Trowulan: A short one hour drive from Surabaya is a small village southwest of Surabaya. Archeological excavations supported by classical literature reveal that this was certainly the site of the ancient capital of Majapahit, one of South East Asia's great empires. Scattered around the village are several red-brick buildings including the Gateway of Bajang Ratu, Candi Tikus, Candi Brahu, Candi Menak Jinggo and others. Trowulan also has a new museum which houses artifacts from the Majapahit era.

Mount Bromo: The most popular of East Java's attractions is undoubtedly Mt. Bromo. The predawn departure to watch the sunrise and the trek by foot or pony ride across the "sand sea" to the crater rim is a daily ritual enacted by people of every nationality. Mt. Bromo is located in the Bromo/Semeru Nature Reserve which is a two hour drive from Surabaya. The best way to get to Mt. Bromo is from the town of Sukapura which has the best hotel in the area, the Grand Bromo Hotel.

Malang and Batu: The cities of Malang and Batu are located one and a half hours away from Surabaya and the same distance away from Mt. Bromo. These two cities, a mere 10 minutes away from each other, boasts cool weather year round. Malang has been famous for a long time, being a favorite retirement spot for the Dutch during Colonial times. One of Malang's best kept secret is the lovely Hotel Tugu Malang, a family-owned hotel located on the main rotunda. The owners have transformed an old Dutch building into a private museum. In fact the hotel was built to house the family's numerous collection of local and Asian antiques. Batu, on the other hand, is a new agro-tourism area where one can enjoy picking apples and oranges in the many fruit orchards in the area. Tourists visit the Kusuma Agro Wisata in Batu to learn about apple production as well as different products derived from the local Batu apple. Sprinkled around Malang and Batu are several temple ruins from the Singosari period.

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Charantia awarded as Superbrand

THE LEADING Ampalaya food supplement earns another first as it recently bagged the coveted 'Superbrands' award, the standard in product quality and excellence. Charantia Ampalaya Food Supplement will appear in the fourth edition of the 'Superbrands' book, a catalog of select brands that consumers recognize as their top choice, and which competitors try to emulate, if not fear. It is arbitrated by an independent council consisting of top experts in the fields of marketing, advertising, communications and branding.

Charantia was recognized for its market dominance, owning high market and mind shares in its category. It was Charantia, in fact, that created the Ampalaya food supplement category when it was launched five years ago. The category quickly expanded to about fifteen brands following Charantia's success.

The 'Superbrands' council, composed among others by the president of the Philippine Advertising Council and chief operation officer of GMA-7, also acknowledged Charantia's resiliency in times of challenges. Amidst the doubts cast on the Ampalaya's safety two years ago, Charantia led the information campaign that dismissed the attacks as black propaganda. Today, it is as ever trusted by diabetics and doctors to help maintain healthy blood sugar levels.

Likewise, as a 'Superbrand,' Charantia is proven to deliver on its promise. Thousands of diabetics attest to achieving stable blood sugar after regularly taking Charantia. Many of these testimonials are supported by their doctors. Through regular blood sugar monitoring, doctors can actually measure the degree of improvement their diabetic patients experience from regular use of Charantia.

Charantia is also noted for its focused marketing. Unlike many food supplements which mix different herbs, Charantia only contains the Ampalaya, which addresses only one condition: diabetes. Its simple and honest promotion lends credibility to the brand and the 'Superbrands' seal.

'Superbrands' was originally set up in London, England nearly a decade ago, where the first 'Superbrands' book was published. Since then, it has expanded to 25 countries, including Australia, Germany, United Kingdom, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the United States. 'Superbrands' is a credible reference used by practitioners in marketing, advertising, media and consumer research.

PAMPER YOUR SKIN AT GODIVA SKIN STATION BEL-AIR, MAKATI

Godiva Skin Station, a beauty and wellness haven, recently opened its second stand-alone outlet at the corner of Gil Puyat and Makati Avenues. Present during the blessing and formal inauguration were (from left) Zora Andam, Binibining Pilipinas-Universe 2001; Sheila Carlos, Binibining Pilipinas 1994; Dra. Ma. Lourdes Salud, Makati City Health Officer; Kinny Salas, beauty columnist; and Carleen Reyes, Godiva Inc owner. The newly opened branch provides cozy and relaxing private cubicles exclusively intended for facial and body care services. It offers skin whitening, rejuvenating, anti-blemish and firming treatments done by professional therapists. State-of-the-art machines are also available for specialized procedures such as non-surgical face, neck and bust lifts, warts and syringoma electrocautirization, diamond peel, Intense Pulse Light (IPL), mesotherapy, and its latest breakthrough, Thermo-coagulation of spider veins. For more information, call 751-6140 or email skinstation@i-godiva.com.

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Sony Life Policyholders can now also enjoy the convenience of 7-Eleven's '4-Hour Payment Express'. The '24-Hour Payment Express' allows policyholders to pay their bills anytime of the day at any 7-Eleven stores in Metro Manila and Calabarzon areas (except Quezon). The service is a tie-up between Sony Life and Philippine Seven Corp (7-Eleven), that is made to continuously provide convenience and satisfaction to its policyholders. Photo shows (from left): Arlene Alvarez-Nethercott (VP-product management, Citigroup), Pepper Lopez-Nonato (financial institutions group manager, Citigroup), Tonet Santana (cash and trade sales manager, Citigroup), Cynthia Astillo (finance and accounting manager, Sony Life), Karen Mendoza (marketing planning manager, Sony Life), Eleonor Villanueva (investment division manager, Sony Life), Akira Yazawa (president, CEO and COO, Sony Life), Jim Hunt (country corporate officer, Citigroup), Remo Vignali (director and head, Citigroup Global Transaction Services), Gina Morales (VP and head for financial instructions, Citigroup), Sam Liu (VP-Philippine Seven), Michael Chuanusu (marketing director, Philippine Seven), and Patricia Olbes (VP-product head, Citigroup).

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TeleEye gives gas station owners, peace of mind and enables owners to improve business profits. Owners can use TeleEye Total Solution to evaluate employee behavior and attendance, to discourage and catch employee theft or customer shoplifting, to save on manpower costs, to monitor customer flow and business activities, to have 24 hours monitoring of vaults and other critical areas, to ensure 24 hour total security, to remotely control vault access and other restricted areas.

For free product demonstration and presentation, you may call at (02) 365-0897/ (02) 411-5264/ (02) 361-1654. TeleEye Philippines Inc is also looking for master dealers for other areas of Philippines. Interested parties may call Emmie on 0920-9265946 of Fanny on 0917-5333795.

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HI-PRECISION DIAGNOSTICS LAB GETS ISO CERTIFICATION

Hi-Precision Diagnostics Laboratory was recently awarded with the much coveted ISO Certification from TUV for ISO9001:2000 and ISO15189:2003 specific for laboratory procedures. Hi-Precision Diagnostics Laboratory is the first and only diagnostics laboratory in the country to pass these stringent certification standards. Receiving on behalf of Hi-Precision is Dr. Nelson Lim, medical director (left) together with the representative from TUV Reyland Nepomuceno, business development director.

NESVITA, ENSEMBLES TIE UP

Nesvita Pro-Digestion, the new breakthrough non-fat milk that smoothens digestion, partners with top fashion brand Ensembles in helping women get the figure they can proudly flaunt. Lucky eves who are confident enough to don Ensembles empowering attires get a free sample of Nesvita Pro-Digestion when they visit the shop. Drop by any of the Ensembles shops in Glorietta, Alabang Town Center, Festival Supermall, Eastwood City Walk 2 Libis, Robinson's Galleria, Robinson's Ermita, SM Megamall, SM Marilao, SM Bicutan or SM Batangas and show off your Nesvita Pro-Digestion belly confidence. Giving modern eves a confidence boost with the Nesvita Pro-Digestion and Ensembles tie-up are Teresa Liwanag, Ensembles fashion marketing executive and Nesvita Pro-Digestion's representative Charmaine Campañer, Publicis Manila's business unit director.

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Munch with Pretz Stix

CRUNCHY, tasty and oh so yummy - that's the new Jack 'n Jill Pretz Stix, a tempting biscuit creation that's bursting with savory flavors. Pretz Stix, with its slim, crunchy biscuit and awesome Smokey BBQ and Tomato Mustard flavors truly redefines the pretzel market. These bite-sized snacks are great for hour after hour of munching pleasure. Take them with you on road trips to help keep things constantly interesting. Or tote them around in school or in the office so you can grab a bite anytime. With two deliciously crunchy flavors to choose from, you're in for some a whole lot of fun. Go for Pretz Stix Smokey BBQ if you're the type who adores grilled delights. Or pop some Pretz Stix in Tomato Mustard if you just love the tangy combo of mustard and catsup. So bite into the flavorful new additions to the Jack 'n Jill pretzel family to experience pretzel goodness like never before. Pretz Stix are now available in leading supermarkets and groceries nationwide.

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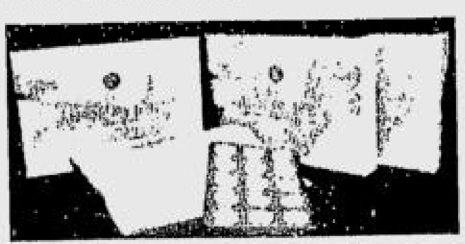


CHOWKING HOLDS TEXT CUSTOMER FEEDBACK SYSTEM RAFFLE

Photo shows (from left) Chowking Food Corp FSC Manager Mavie dela Cruz, Chowking regular customers Alfonso Morillo, Mina Morillo, Genalyn Oliveroz, Cecile Ella, Veneranda Palanca, and Chowking IT manager Jerry Pascual, Chowking during the recent electronic raffle draw of Chowking's Text Customer Feedback System. A total of 11 mobile phones were given away to lucky feedback texters. The system is deemed a success given the more than 25 thousand text feedback received during the second quarter of the year. Third quarter raffle prizes include DVD components, digital cameras, microwave ovens and Sony Playstations.

MAXICARE STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE SUPPORT

One of the country's biggest call centers has renewed its health-care contract with Maxicare Healthcare Corp for another year. The contract signing ceremony marked the 3rd year of unwavering trust, confidence and partnership in ensuring the health care of their employees. Witnessing the contract signing are: (standing from left) Jojo Gutierrez, assistant vice president (Maxicare); Gerry Garcia, accounts officer (Maxicare); Christian Cristobal, assistant vice president (Maxicare); Rodelee Uy, sales manager (Maxicare); Ronnie Francisco, chief actuary (Maxicare); Maya Herrera, managing director (Solutions Inc); Imee Espeleta, HR officer (People Support); Eloisa Author, compensation benefits officer (People Support); Annie Banaga, director and senior consultant (Solutions Inc); Ferdinand Burgos, HR officer (People Support); Ma'an Cuevas, accounts officer (Solutions Inc); (seated from left) Josephine C. Aguilar, senior vice president (Maxicare); Jun Naranjilla, president (Maxicare); Rozel Ricafrente, vice president for global HR (People Support); Susan LaChica, director and senior consultant (Solutions Inc).

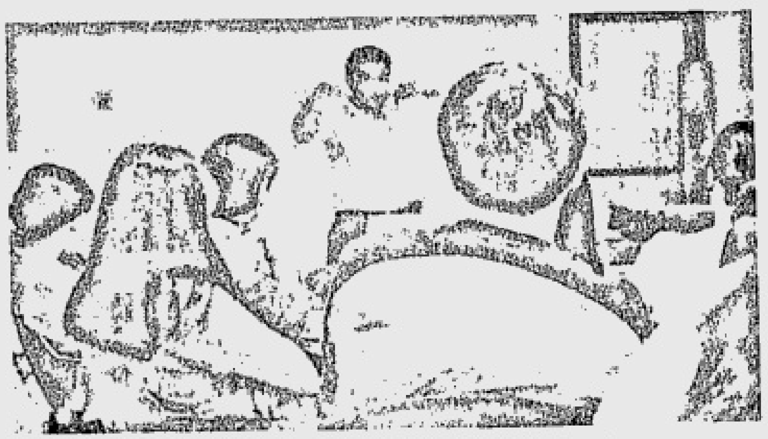
BITS & Clips

Fr. Jerry Orbos leads pilgrimage to Naju, Korea

FR. JERRY Orbos, S.V.D. leads a pilgrimage to Naju, Korea from Sept. 20 to 25 to meet and be with the visionary Julia Kim. The 6-day pilgrimage will have the following itinerary: Sept. 20, Manila-Incheon-Seoul; Sept. 21, Seoul-Gwangju-Naju; Sept. 22, Gwangju-Naju-Gwangju; Sept. 23, Gwangju-Naju-Gwangju; Sept. 24, Gwangju-Seoul; Sept. 25,Seoul-Manila. One of the highlights of the pilgrimage is the visit to the Naju Blessed Mother's House which has the image of the Blessed Mother owned by Julia Kim that mysteriously sheds tears, giving messages and wondrous signs that include tears, tears of blood, fragrance of roses, fragrant oil, and miraculous healing of various illnesses. An itinerary is likewise prepared for a drive up to the Holy Mountain in Naju where supernatural signs have been observed in recent years. It is in this place where Julia Kim saw our Lord's bleeding heart. A spring can also be found in this mountain that brings physical, emotional and spiritual healing to many of the pilgrims. Another exciting part of the pilgrimage is a visit to the Juldusan Korean Martyred Shrine (Cut-off Head Mountain), a historic place where Korean Christians were executed where there is a museum and crypt of 28 relics. There will also be a mass at the Saenamto Shrine where the beheaded Saint Andrew Kim's head is displayed. The holy tour costs $1,225 plus per person on twin sharing and is open to a minimum of 30 persons. For more information about the pilgrimage, please call Creative Travel House Inc at 844-6011, 843-7997, 845-3500.

S&P upgrades Maybank Credit Rating to A-

STANDARD & Poor's Ratings Services (S & P) recently announced that it has raised its credit ratings for Maybank (Malayan Banking Berhad), Malaysia's largest bank, from "BBB+" to "A-", the highest rating attained by Malaysian banks. The upgrade in credit rating is primarily due to Maybank's strengthening credit profile, which has recovered to a level similar to that which the bank enjoyed prior to the 1997-1998 crisis, with the successful incorporation of improvements into their risk management system. The report further states that S & P is confident that the Maybank will sustain this profile over the medium term.



WHIRLPOOL SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS

People who are looking for new businesses recently attended Whirlpool's seminar entitled 'Laundry Business Made Easy' at the training room of Excellence Appliance Technologies Inc. in Quezon City. Resource Speakers from Whirlpool appliances were Edwin Manzanero, technical officer; Jerry Nepomuceno, technical service supervisor and Lorena Pelayo, institutional assistant manager. Other resource speakers were Herman Orilla, laundry consultant, Grist Chem; Anna Legarda, assistant brand manager for Ariel, MDO Phil. Procter and Gamble; Lani de Leon, laundry consultant of Ideal Wash and Nina Coronado, financing consultant of PS Bank. Shown in photo is Herman Orilla, laundry consultant of Grist Chem demonstrating laundry operations and dry cleaning procedures.

THE 5TH MOTOLITE OPEN 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Yang Ching Shun (grand winner) showed once more why he's ranked one of the best pool players in the world by winning the The 5th Motolite Battle of Champions Philippine International Open 9-Ball Championship. Beating a very tough line-up of 31 other marquee cue artists, Yang Ching Shun exhibited his customary poise and stamina as he defeated Leonardo 'Dodong' Andam . Photo shows Dodong Andam (2nd place winner), Gay Opinion (brand manager, Motolite), Motolite promo girl, Yang Ching Shun (grand winner), Benny Franco (marketing manager, Motolite).

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To further strengthen the programme's implementation, BIARSP will purchase computer sets, laptops, printers, scanners, softwares, binding machines, LCD projectors, projector screens, digital cameras among others, for its lead implementing agency, the Department of Land Reform.

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible companies to express their interest to prequalify to bid for the above office IT equipment. The equipment shall be delivered to the four (4) provinces of Region VII and four (4) provinces of Region IX.

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In view of the urgency of the proposed activity, interested parties are advised to submit their proposals not later than August 31, 2005.

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Department of Land Reform

TENDER NOTICE

Video Documentation for Health Component

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National Transmission Corporation
South Luzon Operations and Maintenance

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

Replacement of Corroded Overhead Ground Wire (OHGW) along Biñan-Calaca 230kV Transmission Line 1 (From BCFTPP Gantry to Tower No. 112)

The proposed project is located in Batangas Province with an estimated length of 39.935 linear kilometers. The work contemplated to be done by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all superintendence, labor and materials, supplies, tools and equipment and other incidentals necessary for the complete replacement of corroded overhead ground wire including line hardwares in accordance with the requirements of the Plans and Specifications.

[TRANS-05-ROHGWBC-EG-04]

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM***, through the Internal Cash Generation (ICG) intends to apply the sum of *Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven & 59/100 (Php2,728,547.59)* being the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the *Replacement of Corroded Overhead Ground Wire (OHGW) along Biñan-Calaca 230kV Transmission Line 1 (From BCFTPP Gantry 1 to Tower No. 112)*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM*** now invites potential Bidders to submit Letter of Intent (LOI) and apply for eligibility for the *Replacement of Corroded Overhead Ground Wire (OHGW) along Biñan-Calaca 230kV Transmission Line 1 (From BCFTPP Gantry to Tower No. 112)*. Bidders should posses a valid ***PCAB license with License Particular of at least: "Category D & C, Electrical Works"*** and ***Registration Particular of at least: "Small B, Electrical Works (Power Transmission and Distribution)"***, respectively, have completed a similar contract involving supply of all labor, materials, supervision necessary for the *replacement of corroded overhead ground wire*. The value of which should be at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the eligibility documents. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for submission of eligibility documents shall be on the same date of the opening of Eligibility documents. ***September 6, 2005 9:00 A.M.*** at the address mentioned in the next succeeding paragraphs. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Document. Completion of the works is required by *sixty (60) working days*.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only bids from Bidders who passed the eligibility check will opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post qualification stage in order the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, starting ***August 15, – September 2, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 1,000.00. They shall submit their accomplished Eligibility documents on or before ***September 6, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the stated address. Eligibility Screening shall be held on ***September 6, 2005, 9:30 A.M.*** at the OAVP Conference Room B of the stated address.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION–SLOM*** *Regional Contracts Management Office (RCMO)* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from ***8:00 A.M.*** to ***5:00 P.M.*** on ***September 19–21, 2005.***

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee ***Php2,000.00***. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative starting ***September 19-21, 2005, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.***

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION–SLOM*** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on ***September 28, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the OAVP Conference Room Transco, SLOM San Vicente Biñan, Laguna.

Deadline for submission of bids is on ***October 11, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the address below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the prescribed form indicated under Section 27.2 of R.A. 9184. Bid opening shall be on the same date, ***October 11, 2005, 9:30 A.M.*** at the ***OAVP Conference Room B of Transco SLOM***. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION–SLOM*** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

National Transmission Corporation – South Luzon Operations & Maintenance
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(Sgd.) REYNALDO B. VERGARA
BAC Chairman

(PDI- August 14, 2005)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Sealed bids for the furnishing of labor and materials for the **PROVISION OF AUTO/MANUAL CIRCUIT RECLOSER AND FAULT CURRENT INDICATOR FOR OVERHEAD PRIMARY LINE, POLE MOUNTED DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER INCLUDING APPURTENANT WORKS AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING PRIMARY LINE AT DUHAT ROAD, UPLB CAMPUS** will be received at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development (OVCPD), Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna not later than **9:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 30, 2005** at which place, time and date said bids will be publicly opened.

INDICATIVE APPROVED BUDGET (TRUST FUND) – P 6,674,678.00

Interested bidders who wish to prequalify may obtain prequalification statement forms (PRE-C) at the **Campus Planning and Development Office (CPDO)**, UPLB, College, Laguna, from **August 18, 2005** to **August 25, 2005** and should submit the same not later than **September 01, 2005** to the **CPDO, UPLB**, College, Laguna. It is mandatory that the contractor presents the original copy (with a photocopy) of the current PCAB Contractor's License with the Integrated Certificate of Registration and Classification of Contractors for Government Infrastructure Projects for authentication.

The application for eligibility is open to all local Filipino contractors who are registered, categorized and classified by PCAB as contractors for government infrastructure projects with Size Range (Category) and Kind of Project (Classification) as **MEDIUM A – Buildings and Specialty of Electrical Work (Power Transmission and Distribution Line – High Voltage Lines and equipment).**

Proposal forms and other related documents are available for issuance to qualified bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **PESOS THREE THOUSAND ONLY (P3,000.00)** per set of documents from **September 12, 2005** to **September 15, 2005** at the Cash Division Office, 1st Floor, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna.

Site inspection will be conducted on **September 19, 2005** and pre-bidding conference will be held at **10:30 A.M.** on **September 19, 2005** at the OVCPD, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna. (The site inspection shall be strictly followed).

All particulars relative to procurement planning up to contract implementation and termination shall be governed by the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable rules and regulations.

The U.P. Los Baños reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept such bids as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) **REYNALDO I. ACDA**
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(PDI--Aug. 14, 2005)

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DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
Republic of the Philippines

Point of Sales System Software Project

Design and Development of Highly Customized
POS System Software

1. **DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES (DFP)**, a sector of the Philippine Tourism Authority, through the Corporate Budget of DFP, 2005 intends to apply the sum of **Six Million Pesos (PhP6,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **POS System-Software Project.**
2. Prospective bidders must submit their **Letters of Intent (LOIs)** from **August 15 to August 29, 2005, 9:00A.M. to 5:00P.M.** at the **Purchasing Department, GF EHA Building, Duty Free Philippines, Fiestamall, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City,** and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom for an amount of **One Hundred Pesos (PhP100.00)**. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. Submission and Opening of Eligibility Documents shall be on: **September 8 , 2005, 10:00A.M.** at the **Executive Lounge, 3F EHA Building, Duty Free Philippines, Fiestamall, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City.** The following criteria will be used for determining eligibility:
    - I. The prospective bidder must have a Relational Database and GUI Based-POS System Software that is:
        - A. running for a minimum of two (2) years in at least one (1) local reputable retail establishment with:
            - 1. similar operations as DFP (Dept./Specialty Store, Hyper-mart, Supermarket, Specialty Store)
            - 2. at least one (1) branch having a minimum of:
                - a. One Million (1M) number of transactions per year
                - b. 12 active and connected POS terminals
                - c. One Hundred Thousand (100,000) active SKUs or Items
        - B. duly accredited by BIR
        - C. duly copyrighted. (If the bidder is not the owner of the software, the bidder should also submit the "right to sell/distribute/modify" issued by the copyright-owner)
    - II. The prospective bidder must have a local office
    - III. The prospective bidder must have a competent JDA-MMS Integrator;
3. The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted *LOIs* and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of five (5) consultants. The criteria and rating system for short listing are:

I.	**Applicable experience in providing POS software solutions**	**40%**
II.	**Qualification of key personnel who may be assigned to perform the required task**	**45%**
III.	**Support services relative to their ability to sustain the current and pending workload or projects (Organizational Chart)**	**15%**

4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to Filipino citizens or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A 9184, only bids from short listed consultants will be opened and the contract will only be awarded to the Highest Rated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification. The PROCURING ENTITY shall evaluate bids using the Quality-Cost Based Evaluation/Selection (QCBE/QCBS) procedure. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
5. **The contract shall be completed within 180 working days from the time notice to proceed has been issued.**
6. The Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) MA. LOURDES D. VELARDE
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Aug. 14 & 21, 2005)

CENTRAL PANGASINAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
San Carlos City, Pangasinan
Tel No. (075) 532-2222 / 532-3146

INVITATION TO BID

Central Pangasinan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CENPELCO) with office address at Padilla St., San Carlos City, Pangasinan is in need of electronic KWH Meters and its accessories, Instrument Transformers and Capacitors. Listed below are the required specifications and quantity.

PACKAGE I - KWH Meters and Accessories

	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY
1	Electronic Meter Vector II, KV2C, Bottom Connector Type, Fitzal FM 48A, Class 20 in a base transformer Range 120-240, nominally 10% - 20% (including after sales technical support services)	25 units
2.	Single Phase Electronic Meter, Form 3S Class 10, Including Meter Base	10 units
3.	Soft Switch Holder	1 pc.
4	R. Switch, Four (4) Channel for KV2 / KV2 C	1 pc.
5	M. Switch for KV2 / KV2 C	1 pc.
6.	Q Switch for KV2 / KV2 C	1 pc.

PACKAGE II - Instrument Transformers

	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY
1	Potential Transformer, 70 1, 15 kV, Primary Voltage 8400, Secondary Voltage 120, Accuracy Class 0 3	9 units
2.	Current Transformer 300 5, 15 KV, Outdoor Type, Accuracy Class 0.3	6 units
3	Current Transformer 200 5, 600 V, Accuracy Class 0 3	30 units

PACKAGE III - Line Capacitors

	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY
·	Power Shunt Capacitor 100 kVAR, 7620 Volts, 60 Hz, 95 kV BIL, Single Phase Double Bushing, Outdoor Type Built-in Discharge Resistor	25 units
2.	Power Shunt Capacitor 50 kVAR, 7620 Volts, 60 Hz, 95 kV BIL, Single Phase Doulbe Bushing, Outdoor Type Built-in Discharge Resistor	30 units
·	Power Shunt Capacitor 25 kVAR, 7620 Volts, 60 Hz, 95 kV BIL, Single Phase Double Bushing, Outdoor Type Built-in Discharge Resistor	45 units

We are inviting responsible suppliers to participate in a sealed bid to be submitted to PBAC on August 23, 2005 (Tuesday) at 2 00 p.m. (1400 hrs) at CENPELCO main office, Padilla St., San Carlos City, Pangasinan wherein your bid will be opened in your presence or that of your representative.

Request further to include in your sealed bids/proposals the delivery date, terms of payment and availability of stock for evaluation purposes. Bid for one or two items only is acceptable. The BID BOND is either in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to two and a half percent (2½%) of the total bid price or surety bond equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. Bid bond less than the required amount will be automatically disqualified. Bids/proposals submitted beyond the specified date and time will not be accepted.

CENPELCO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, WAIVE ANY OF THE REQUIRED FORMALITY THEREIN AND ACCEPTS THE BIDS ONLY DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COOPERATIVE.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO F. CORPUZ
PBAC Chairman

Noted by:
(Sgd.) ENGR. EDGARDO R. PIAMONTE
Executive Officer/Project Supervisor

(PDI - Aug. 14 & 16, 2005)

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION
BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION # 2005-15

The **PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION** Bids and Awards Committee (PITC-BAC) invites direct importers and distributors of hospital, medical & laboratory supplies and equipment who can meet the following minimum qualifications to apply for accreditation:

- In the medical supplies and equipment business of Import/ Distribution/Sales operation for at least two (2) years and are still in operation
- With Stockholder's Equity or Capital Account of at least P3 Million as of December 31, 2004.
- Must have valid License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Bureau of Food & Drugs (BFAD) as medical supplies and equipment Wholesaler/Distributor/Importer.
- Such other documentation requirements as stipulated in the Application Form for Accreditation.

Accreditation forms shall be available and may be secured from **August 3-31, 2005** at the PITC BAC Secretariat located at the 4th Floor, NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas St., Salcedo Village, Makati City c/o Mrs. Helen R. Muncal upon payment of a non refundable fee of P500.00.

Deadline for submission of accreditation forms and requirements shall be on **September 02, 2005.** Accredited suppliers shall be notified in writing by PITC and shall pay the accreditation fee of P5,000.00. Only accredited/eligible suppliers who have paid the accreditation fee will be allowed to participate in PITC projects.

PITC assumes no obligation whatsoever to accredit any firm or entity that does not meet its accreditation and eligibility requirements nor to award any project to any firm or entity on the sole basis of accreditation. Neither shall PITC assume any responsibility to compensate any firm or entity for any amounts or expenses incurred in preparation of accreditation and eligibility forms.

(Sgd.) **MARLENE R. LOPEZ**
CHAIR - BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI--Aug. 7 & 14, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Ground Floor, CCCI Center, cor 11th & 13th Avenue
North Reclamation Area, Cebu City

Case No. 05-015

NOTICE

FOR PERMANENT CHANGE IN SAILING FREQUENCY/ SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 RULE IV OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF THE REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) 9295

Note: Should be applied at the MRO where the CPC was issued.

Applicant : OCEAN FAST FERRIES, INC.
Office Address : Pier 1, CPA Bldg., Cebu City
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Name of Representative : Jennifer L. Cuajao
Name of Ships covered by the Entity/Company/CPC: M/V Ocean Jet 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6
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Cebu City-Tubigon, Bohol and vice-versa; Iloilo City-Bacolod City and vice-versa; Hilongos, Leyte-Cebu City-Tagbilaran-Cebu-Hilongos, Leyte and vice-versa; Cebu-Tagbilaran-Larena-Dumaguete-Tagbilaran-Cebu-Tagbilaran-Cebu; Cebu-Tagbilaran-Dumaguete-Dapitan-Dumaguete-Tagbilaran-Cebu; Cebu-Maasin-Surigao-Maasin-Cebu and vice-versa; Larena-Tagbilaran-Cebu-Tagbilaran-Cebu-Tagbilaran-Larena and vice versa; Larena-Dumaguete-Tagbilaran-Cebu-Tagbilaran-Dumaguete-Larena.

PROPOSED SAILING FREQUENCIES/SCHEDULES:

Departure			*Arrival*		
PORT	DAY	TIME	PORT	DAY	TIME
Cebu	Daily	6:20AM	Tagbilaran	Daily	3:00AM
Cebu	Daily	11:00AM	Tagbilaran	Daily	12:40PM
Cebu	Daily	6:20AM	Dapitan	Daily	12:10PM
Cebu	Daily	6:20AM	Dumaguete	Daily	10:00AM
Tagbilaran	Daily	7:00AM	Cebu	Daily	8:30AM
Tagbilaran	Daily	8:30AM	Cebu	Daily	10:00AM
Tagbilaran	Daily	1:00PM	Cebu	Daily	2:40PM
Larena	Daily	2:00PM	Dumaguete	Daily	3:10PM
Larena	Daily	5:30PM	Dumaguete	Daily	6:15PM
Dumaguete	Daily	6:30AM	Tagbilaran	Daily	6:00AM
Dumaguete	Daily	10:30AM	Larena	Daily	11:30AM

Date of Implementation of Previous Change in Sailing Frequency(cies)/ Schedule: July 29, 2005
Date of Effectivity (which shall be based/calculated on the date of publication and posting): August 22, 2005

Requirements/s/Conditions:

1. The shipowner/operator shall cause the publication of this Notice in any of the five (5) major newspapers of national circulation, if the route(s)/areas(s) of operation to be affected by the permanent change in sailing frequency(cies)/scheduled in national and/ on inter-regional in scope. If the route(s)/ area(s) to be affected in local or intra-regional in scope, publication in a newspaper of local circulation is sufficient.
2. The shipowners/operators shall likewise cause the posting of this Notice including the date of effectivity, in all conspicuous places at the affected port(s), ship(s), company premises, passenger terminals and ticketing office(s), as applicable;
3. The MARINA shall cause the posting thereof at the MARINA Central or Regional Office and/or the MARINA website; and,
4. The new sailing frequecy(cies)/schecule shall take effect seven (7) calendar days from the publication in accordance with aforecited requirements/condition number 1.

I, **JENNIFER L. CUAJAO**, of legal age, married/single and resident of **CEBU CITY** after having been duly sworn by law, hereby depose and say, THAT:

1. I have caused the preparation of the foregoing notice.
2. I have read the contents of said notice, the contents of which are true and correct to best of my knowledge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **4th** day of **AUGUST 2005** at **CITY OF CEBU.**

(Sgd.) JENNIFER L. CUAJAO
Duly Authorized Representative of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this **4th** day of **AUGUST 2005** at **CITY OF CEBU** affiant exhibited to me his/her **Community Tax Certificate No. 03941715** issued on **1/3/05** at **CITY OF CEBU.**

(Sgd.) EARL M. BONACHITA
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CENTRAL PANGASINAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
San Carlos City, Pangasinan
Tel. # (075) 532-2222 / 532-3146

INVITATION TO BID

The Central Pangasinan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CENPELCO) with office address at Padilla St., San Carlos City, Pangasinan invites all qualified bidders for the implementation of approved electrification projects by the Department of Energy (DoE) within the Municipality of Sual, Pangasinan pursuant to Energy Regulations No. 1-94, and section 66 of Republic Act (R.A.) 9136 and Rule 29, Part A of Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9136.

PACKAGE I – Supply of Labor and Materials for the construction of distribution line to twenty three (23) sitios in the Municipality of Sual, Pangasinan with a total circuit kilometer of 24.760 kms. broken down as follows:

a. Single Phase - 8.740 kms.
b. Open Secondary - 10.570 kms.
c. Under Built - 5.450 kms.

PACKAGE II

1. Retrieval of existing one (1) 5 MVA Power Transformer
2. Supply and delivery of the following substation equipment including installation and commissioning:
    - a. 10/12.5 MVA Power Transformer - 1 set
    - b. 69 KV SF6 Power Circuit Breaker - 1 set
    - c. 15 KV Feeder Protection Equipment
        - c.1 15 KV SF6 Circuit Breaker (Main) - 1 set
        - c.2 15 KV Vacuum Circuit Breakers (Feeder) - 4 sets
        - c.3 Accessories and Miscellaneous - 1 set

All interested parties can secure bid documents to PBAC secretariat starting August 17, 2005. In addition, a non refundable fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Pesos (P750 00) shall be paid before securing said documents. Submission of sealed bid will be on August 26, 2005 (Friday) at 2:00 PM (1400 hrs) at CENPELCO main office, Padilla St., San Carlos City, Pangasinan wherein your bid will be opened in your presence or that of your representative.

Request further to include in your sealed bids/proposals the delivery date, terms of payment, schedule of activities and commissioning period for evaluation purposes. Bid for one package only is acceptable. The BID BOND is either in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to two and a half percent (2 ½%) of the total bid price or surety bond equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. Bid bond less than the required amount will be automatically disqualified. Bids/proposals submitted beyond the specified date and time will not be accepted.

CENPELCO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, WAIVE ANY OF THE REQUIRED FORMALITY THEREIN AND ACCEPTS THE BIDS ONLY DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COOPERATIVE.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO F. CORPUZ
PBAC CHAIRMAN

Noted by
(Sgd.) ENGR. EDGARDO R. PIAMONTE
Executive Officer/Project Supervisor

(PDI – August 14, 2005)

Philippine International Trading Corporation
PITC

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTATION OF SPECIAL RICE VARIETIES

The Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) invites all interested Farmers Group (FG) / Private Rice Traders with valid and updated NFA License to Import to submit Letters of Intent (LOIs) on or before 09 September 2005 for the importation of 15,000 MT Glutinous and Special Rice Varieties in bags.

Minimum volume to be allocated per qualified participant shall be 500 MT not to exceed 1,000 MT. Should the total quantity received from LOIs submitted exceed 15,000 MT, the allocation per importer shall be adjusted in a pro-rata basis.

The Terms of Reference and Guidelines/Mechanics will be available for issuance during office hours starting 15 August 2005 weekdays only from Commodities Department at the 10th Floor NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City and with telephone nos. 892-1560, 892-1627, and 818-9801 locals 349, 393 and 420.

(Sgd.) **MARIO M. LEYGO**
Vice President

(PDI--Aug 14 & 21, 2005)

CRS

CRS, a non-stock, non-profit international organization, is in need of highly qualified individuals for the following positions:

PROJECT MANAGER

(Cotabato City-based)

Responsible for overseeing the implementation of the four-year Maguindanao Tuberculosis Control Project.

- Must either be a Physician, Registered Nurse, or graduate of allied profession. Masters degree in Public Health, preferred.
- At least five years experience in public health, with at least two years in a managerial/ supervisory position. With technical expertise in tuberculosis prevention and control program.

BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATION OFFICER

(Cotabato City-based)

Responsible for the development and management, monitoring and evaluation of behavior change communication and social mobilization components of the Maguindanao Tuberculosis Control Project.

- Degree in Public Health, Psychology, Social Work, or other social science/allied courses. Masters degree, an advantage.
- At least three years experience in public health or development work, with strong background in tuberculosis prevention and control program.

DATA MANAGEMENT OFFICER

(Cotabato City-based)

Responsible for the development and management of monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure that data are analyzed and utilized for decision-making for the Maguindanao Tuberculosis Control Project.

- Degree in Public Health, Nursing, Statistics, or other social science/allied courses. Masters degree, an advantage.
- At least three years experience in public health or development work, with solid experience in developing management information systems. Strong background in research, project monitoring, and evaluation preferably in tuberculosis prevention and control program.

TRAINING OFFICER

(Cotabato City-based)

Responsible for the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of training activities and of the Direct Observed Treatment Short-course strategy for the Maguindanao Tuberculosis Control Project.

- Degree in Public Health, Nursing, Statistics, or other social science/allied courses. Masters degree, an advantage.
- At least three years experience in public health or development work, with solid experience in developing management information systems. Strong background in research, project monitoring, and evaluation preferably in tuberculosis prevention and control program.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

(Manila-based)

- Must have a degree in Accountancy, Business Administration, or related courses. Must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).
- At least three years experience in accounting and auditing work. Proficient in computerized accounting systems, preparation of financial statements, analysis of accounts, and bank reconciliation. Knowledge of SunSystems accounting software, an advantage.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(Cotabato City-based)

- Must have a degree in Accountancy, Business Administration, or related courses.
- At least two years experience in finance, accounting, and office administration.

All applicants must also possess the following qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal skills and can work with minimal supervision.
- Excellent verbal and written English communication skills. Conversant in Maguindanaoan or Ilongo dialect preferred for Cotabato-based positions.
- Computer literate in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.
- Committed to development work and able to travel in remote areas.

Interested individuals must submit an application letter, comprehensive resumé with personal references via e-mail on or before August 22, 2005 to the:

Senior Support Services Manager
hr_admin@ph.seapro.crs.org

(Only qualified applicants will be notified.)

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With salary of P150,000 – P250,000 per annum

- Preferably a graduate of UP, Ateneo or La Salle
- Must have at least one year experience in the field of sales and marketing
- Basic computer knowledge
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Must have flexible working hours

TEAM LEADER

With salary of P168,000 – P210,000 per annum

- Must have at least 1 year experience in the field of sales/account management preferably in the call center field
- Must possess strong leadership and organizational skills
- Must be able to motivate his/her team
- Responsible, driven, and hardworking
- Willing to work shifts (night/day or weekend)

OUTBOUND SALES AGENT

With salary of P156,000 – P195,000 per annum

- Must have excellent English conversational skills
- Must have completed at least 2nd year college
- 18 to 27 years old, with outgoing personality
- Willing to work shifts (night/day or weekend)
- Basic computer knowledge
- Internet savvy

HR OFFICER

With salary of P130,000 – 250,000 per annum

- Must have at least one year experience in the field of HR preferably in a call center
- Must have depth experience in management coaching, organization development and organization effectiveness areas
- Must possess strong leadership skills
- Willing to work shifts (night/day or weekend)

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

With salary of P195,000 – P200,000 per annum

- Must be proficient in PHP, Java, & MySQL
- Must be familiar in Symbian OS
- BS/MS in Computer Science or related field of study
- At least 1 year working experience in Software Development an advantage
- Experience with application and database servers highly desired.
- Must have strong Technical Skills, Inter-personal skills, and an ability to think out-of-the-box.

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- Possesses managerial skills

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- Must be a Professional Mechanical Engineer
- With at least five (5) years experience in power plant operations and maintenance of power plants
- Possesses good oral and written communication skills
- Is computer literate

Substation Head (E-003)
- Must be a Registered Electrical Engineer
- With at least five (5) years experience in high and medium voltage substation maintenance.
- Has good working knowledge on power plant facilities
- Has good oral and written communication skills
- Is computer literate

Electrical Engineers (E-004)
- Must be a Registered Electrical Engineer
- Knowledgeable in substation operations and maintenance
- Has working knowledge on planning and design of High and Medium Voltage Systems
- With good oral and written communication skills

Maintenance Engineer (E-005)
- Must be a Registered Electrical Engineer
- With at least three (3) years experience in maintenance and operation of High and Medium Voltage Systems
- Knowledgeable in international standards for various high and medium voltage equipment tests
- Is computer literate

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- Must be a Registered Electrical Engineer or Licensed ECE
- Knowledgeable in setting up networks
- Has experience in planning, design, installation and maintenance of power metering system

Finance Analyst (E-007)
- Must be a Certified Public Accountant
- With at least two (2) years experience in general accounting

Other Vacancies:

Engineers (E-008)
- Graduate of any Engineering course (Civil/Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, ECE, Geodetic, Industrial, Sanitary, Chemical and Manufacturing); Should be licensed
- Preferably with at least 1 year working experience
- Has good communication skills

Technicians (E-009)
- Graduate of any Engineering course (Civil/Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, ECE, Geodetic, Industrial, Sanitary, Chemical and Manufacturing); Should be licensed
- Has working knowledge on plastic manufacturing process

Interested candidates may send their letter of application,
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Makati City 1229

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(PDI--July 31, August 7 & 14, 2005)

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Wednesday 17th August, 10 am
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Ecop spearheads policy dialogue with NLRC chair

IS THE Philippines now a land of industrial peace and productivity? The reality, however, is much, much more complicated than what the declining strike figures convey. Statistics show that the number of actual strikes held has gone down to their lowest in 25 years. From over 500 annually in the mid-1980s, the number went down to less than a hundred in the mid-1990s and now to less than 50 a year in the 2000s. There are palpable tensions and anxieties all over the industrial relations front, which the declining number of strikes tend to hide. The declining number of strikes, a positive phenomenon by itself, does not mean a decline in labor tensions and conflicts. The Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) noted that one clear indicator of growing tensions and conflicts is the rising number of cases being filed at the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC), now with about 50,000 pending cases a year or twice the annual figure in the 1990s. "With the increasing number of labor disputes docketed at the NLRC every year, speedy and just resolution of these cases is imperative if we are to maintain a peaceful and harmonious labor-management relations and avoid further loss of jobs," Ecop president Rene Y. Soriano emphasized. Indeed, the challenge for government, employers and workers is to work together, he added. Thus, Ecop is spearheading a policy dialogue with recently-appointed NLRC Chair Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio, Jr. on Aug. 18, 1 to 5 p.m. at the RCBC Plaza in Makati City. "This dialogue will help us explore all possibilities, thrusts and directions needed to ensure an equitable, speedy and just resolution of labor disputes," Soriano pointed out.

Top execs to speak in PMAP annual confab

SEVERAL of the country's premiere CEO's and top executives will speak in the coming 42nd Annual Conference of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) on Sept. 28-30 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City. With the theme, "*Gawâ hindi Dadâ! (Delivering Results thru Purposeful Action)*", the speakers will share their expertise on tracks leading to purposeful action, with take-off point from change in mindset, followed by systematic planning, flawless execution, and sustaining a culture of success. Joey Lina, President of the Manila Hotel; and Nina Aguas, country business manager of Citibank N.A, are among the keynote presentation speakers of the event.

The roster of high-caliber plenary and concurrent session speakers include Smart Communications CEO, Napoleon Nazareno; Department of Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano; Microsoft Philippines managing director, Antonio Javier; Wyeth Philippines Inc., president, Perpetuo de Claro; Philippine Electricity Market Corporation president, Lasse Holopainen; ABS-CBN consultant, Maria Ressa; Phil. Star Daily columnist, Jarius Bondoc; Intel awardee, Dr. Josette Biyo, and Department of Telecommunications and Communication Secretary Leandro Mendoza. For inquiries and reservations, please call the PMAP Professional Staff at 726-1532,726-1581 and 726-1588 or email pmap@pmap.org.ph.

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- Male or Female
- Graduate of Business Administration, Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, ECE), Accounting, Finance, Management or Behavioral Science
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Provincial Land Reform Office
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NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehension Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.		AREA DATE OCULAR INSPECTION
1. Benita Tadem (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	P-9968	1921,Pls-43	8.0642	9 / 13 / 2005
2. Juan Gabaton (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	P-6686	3157,Pls-43	9.3680	9 / 13 / 2005
3. Benedicto Funclou (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	T-4513	3198,Pls-43	8.0915	9 / 13 / 2005
4. Gervacio Sobere (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	(P-6037) P-4349	3230,Pls-43	9.2007	9 / 13 / 2005
5. Teotimo Boctot (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9067	1882,Pls-43	12.2306	9 / 14 / 2005
6. Jose Centino (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-2289	1899,Pls-43	11.0485	9 / 14 / 2005
7. Vicente Magsaysay (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9900	1900,Pls-43	7.6267	9 / 14 / 2005
8. Exequil Magsaysay (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-1593	1902,Pls-43	9.3469	9 / 14 / 2005
9. Aparicio Gavino (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9370	2926,Pls-43	20.2048	9 / 14 / 2005
10. Teofilo Corton (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-4480	3066,Pls-43	7.4217	9 / 14 / 2005
11. Esmeralda Gonzaga (NAIDCOR)	New Maug, Prosperidad	T-3320	2618,Pls-43	6.3035	9 / 15 / 2005
12. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-7868) P-5676	2935,Pls-43	4.8962	9 / 15 / 2005
13. Aurorita Aguilion (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	T-2366	2935,Pls-43	6.2696	9 / 15 / 2005
14. Alfredo Salinas (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	P-6409	2974,Pls-43	3.5792	9 / 15 / 2005
15. Benilo Manatad (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	P-5636	679,Pls-43	2.9814	9 / 15 / 2005
16. Leopoldo Bustaliño (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-6070) P-4346	690,Pls-43	5.4140	9 / 15 / 2005
17. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-7867) P-5675	729,Pls-43	10.0036	9 / 15 / 2005
18. Pastor Sabroso (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(T-1264) T-949	777,Pls-43	7.2518	9 / 15 / 2005
19. Fulgencio Casas	Mahayahay, Sibagat	(T-226) 160	21,Pls-431	9.4106	09/16/2005
20. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7643	154,GSS-1000	1.6253	9 / 20 / 2005
21. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7643	153,GSS-1000	2.0211	9 / 20 / 2005
22. Bedendino Vidal (RB-San Francisco)	Salvacion, Prosperidad	P-6344	2462,Pls-43	6.2453	9 / 20 / 2005
23. Felipe Pasag (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Irene, Prosperidad	T-5816	15,GSS-1000	12.2863	09/21-23/2005
24. Eleonor Saniel (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9627	134,GSS-1000	6.7099	09/21-23 /2005
25. Elenor Saniel (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9826	135,GSS-1000	9.9417	9 / 21-23 / 2005
26. Anatolio Lima (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9216	137,GSS-1000	9.4068	9 / 21-23 / 2005
27. Gerarda Tejero (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7677	138,GSS-1000	8.0000	9 / 21-23 / 2005
28. Gerard Tejero (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7641	139,GSS-1003	6.2500	9 / 21-23 / 2005
29. Ines Alcantara (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-4656	14,GSS-1003	2.9455	9 / 21-23 / 2005
30. Mauricia Martino (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-8648	142,GSS-1000	8.7575	9 / 21-23 / 2005
31. Jose Fiedacan (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9394	146,Pls-43	3.5384	9 / 21-23 / 2005
32. Amado Urbiztondo (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7873	148,GSS-1000	7.8733	9 / 21-23 / 20059
33. Tarciana Flores (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-8396	157,GSS-1000	2.5228	9 / 21-23 / 2005
34. Perla Quilla (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7590	164,GSS-1003	10.3154	9 / 21-23 / 2005
35. Dominador Fernandez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7650	17,GSS-1003	7.5867	9 / 21-23 / 2005
36. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7622	174,GSS-1000	6.9693	9 / 21-23 / 2005
37. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7568	175,GSS-1000	9.5902	9 / 21-23 / 2005
38. Lucresia Gustilo (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7575	177,GSS-1000	1.9435	9 / 21-23 / 2005
39. Leopoldo Castaneras (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-4918	23,GSS-1000	2.5903	9 / 21-23 / 2005
40. Francisco Racho (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7616	3,GSS-1000	9.3002	9 / 21-23 / 20059
41. Rodolfo Merin (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7570	31,GSS-1000	2.6335	9 / 21-23 / 2005
42. Porferio Jumuad (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9444	32,GSS-1000	5.4608	9 / 21-23 / 2005
43. Tomas Rosalda (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-1362	675,Pls-43	3 1389	9 / 21-23 / 2005
TOTAL				306.3862	

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authroized representative to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we hall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we receive the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

(PDI – Aug. 14, 21 & 28, 2005)

MSH
LEAD

NOTICE OF RELEASE

Request for Proposals for the Local Enhancement and Development (LEAD) for Health Project

The Management Sciences for Health, Inc. (MSH) was awarded a three year contract by USAID to manage the implementation of the LEAD for Health Project. The project aims to strengthen the governance and service capabilities of local government units for the sustained provision of quality family planning, TB, HIV-AIDS and Vitamin A supplementation. To accomplish these goals, MSH will contract the services of local and US-based organizations, otherwise known as Service Implementation Organizations, to provide technical assistance to LEAD-participating LGUs in selected provinces and cities.

MSH has released the Request for Proposals (RFPs) to selected SIOs which includes bidding documents via courier services on August 12, 2005.

SIO-bidders are given the option to separately submit for different LGU clusters of preference. LGU clusters includes: a) Benguet; b) Baguio City; c) Pangasinan; d) Angeles City; e) NCR District 1 (Caloocan, Mandaluyong, Navotas, Valenzuela); f) Sorsogon; g) Catanduanes; h) Capiz; i) Guimaras; j) Negros Oriental; k) Lapulapu City; l) Mandaue City; m) Eastern Samar; n) Northern Leyte; o) Zamboanga City; p) Misamis Occidental; q) Davao del Norte; r) Davao del Sur; s) Davao City; t) Compostela Valley; u) General Santos City; v) South Cotabato; w) Agusan del Norte; and x) Tawi-Tawi.

(PDI - Aug. 14, 2005)

We are urgently in need of:

- **CASINO MANAGER**
  - 25 years management experience in associated industry
  - Must have five (5) years extensive experience as Casino Manager
  - Must have extensive trainings in planning, administration, logistics, and man-management
  - Male, at least 40 to 55 years of age
  - Must be physically and mentally fit, fluent in English
- **SHIFT MANAGER**
  - Male 30 to 45 years of age; physically & mentally fit
  - 10 years experience in casino business
  - At least 5 years experience as pit manager position
  - At least 3 years experience as shift manager position
  - With full knowledge in table games operation concerning hold percentage, production levels, scheduling and administration, and marketing strategy
  - Full knowledge of table games financial report
  - Must be with mastery of all types of table games
  - Fluent in English
- **SURVEILLANCE MANAGER**
  - Minimum of 10 years experience as surveillance manager
  - Experience in other South East Asian casino as surveillance manager or assistant manager
  - Knowledge in other South East Asia languages is an advantage
  - Thorough knowledge of all casino games in South East Asia
  - Male & must be 40 to 45 years of age; fluent in English

Interested applicants may send their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 colored photo together with other credentials to:

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Subic Diamond Entertainment Corporation
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- Good scholastic record and computer literate
- Effective oral and written communication skills

Interested parties may submit their resumé with 2x2 photo and photocopies of transcript of records/diploma to Box No. 300 c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer, 5th Floor Building B, SM Megamall

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PNOC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Philippines MCPO Box 2102 Tel. No 893-6001/1320

PNOC

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors registered with the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) and classified, at least, as Category C & D IAC Small, Sub-Category B, Specialty in Electrical Works or General Building – Building and Industrial Plant to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF THE NEGROS ORIENTAL EXPANDED RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT STAGE IX (6 BRGYS. / 4 SITIOS) EDC 05-129

The Approved Budget is **Php 6,285,891.00** chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is 180 calendar days.

Application forms for eligibility and the bidding documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o M.R.C. Barile) starting **August 15, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Pesos: Two Thousand (PhP 2,000.00).**

Site inspection is on **September 6, 2005.** For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **September 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m.** at the BAC Conference Room, First Floor, Building V, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

Application for eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group, First Floor, Building V, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila **not later than 2:00 p.m. (Contracts Administration Group Office Wall Clock Time)** of **September 29, 2005** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

BAC Chairman

(PDI – August 14, 2005)

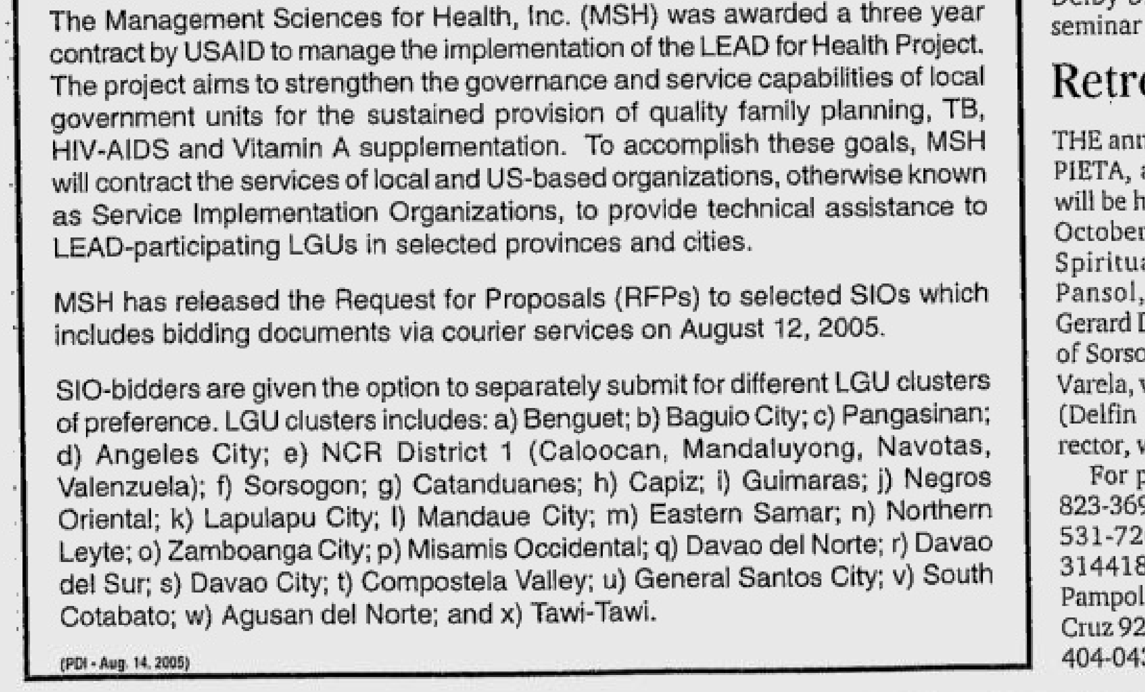
Rebap conducts CRESR

THE REAL Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines Inc (Rebap) – Caloocan City Chapter will conduct a Comprehensive Real Estate Seminar and Review (CRESR) on Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at the Rotary Center, Roces Ave, cor. Mother Ignacia St., Quezon City (all Saturdays) from 1 to 6 p.m. This seminar will prepare the participants for the Brokers Licensure Exam to be held on Nov. 27. For more information, please call the following numbers: 438-2966 and look for Jane or Rene and at 373-2280 to 81 and look for Lenie or Vicky. Seminar director is CRB Delby S. Pero. Call now to avail of their seminar promo.

Retreat for widows

THE annual retreat for widows sponsored by PIETA, a spiritual organization of widows, will be held on September 30, October 1 and October 2, 2005 at the Mornese Center of Spirituality, a Salestan retreat house in Pansol, Calamba City, Laguna. Rev. Fr. Gerard Deveza, a healing priest of the Diocese of Sorsogon City under retired Bishop Jesus Varela, will be the Retreat Master, Rev. Fr. DP (Delfin Paulino) Felipe, PIETA Spiritual Director, will also attend.

For particulars, plese call Dely Banzuela 823-3690 / 0927-9158199; Crescing de Jesus 531-7267; Nene David 911-1936 / 0919-3144187; Aleli Ambrosio 638-8400; Ellen Pampolina 522-8858 / 0928-3294402; Rose Cruz 922-0428; and Estela B. Cerdenia (043) 404-0433.



AMA BANK AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING RURAL BANK

AMA Bank was chosen as the Most Outstanding Rural Bank (National Level) in the recent 2004 Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards held at Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel last July 7, 2005. In photo are (from left) former national president of the Philippine Marketing Association and Awards Committee chairman Dr. Felix Lao Jr., Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, Jr., AMA Bank EVP/COO Alejandro C. Soliman, VP Victor S. Leal and VP Eduardo A. Apacible

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SAT	Every SAT 10am MKT, 13 3pm QC	8 17 MKT

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Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)

INVITATION TO BID

August 14, 2005
World Bank/IBRD Loan No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the **Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project** (ARCDP II) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under contract located in Datagon ARC, Municipality of Pamplona, Province of Negros Oriental. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guideline: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Pamplona, Province of Negros Oriental and implementing partner of DLR for ARCDPII invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the ***Rehabilitation of 2.409 kms. Simborio-Arapelis Road*** under ***Contract No. RIRR 05 091 01 DAT-NO***

Project Duration	120 Calendar Days
Bidding documents	PhP 5,000.00
Minimum Bid Security	PhP 65,000.00
Bid Closing Date	September 22, 2005 Time 10:00 AM

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:

Item No.	Scope of Works	Quantity	Unit
12(1)	Roadway & Drainage Excavation	8,902.00	cu.m.
14(2)	Embankment Using Excavated Materials	2,238.00	cu.m.
20	Aggregate Sub-Base Coarse	1,445.40	cu.m.
21	Aggregate Base Coarse	1,445.40	cu.m.
50(3)	Installation of 610mm dia. RCPC w/ Headwalls	56.00	ln.m.
51(2)	Grouted Riprap (Lined Canal)	568.00	cu.m.

Minimum Equipments Required

Backhoe (1 unit)-owned/lease; Bulldozer (1 unit)-owned, Road Roller Vibratory Compactor, 9 tonner min. (1 unit)-owned; Road Grader (1 unit)-owned/lease; Loader (1 unit)-owned; Dump Truck (4 units)-owned/lease; Water truck (1 unit)-owned; survey instruments-owned/leased

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchase by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office of the Municipality of Pamplona, Province of Negros Oriental, starting August 16, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP5,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on September 8, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of PhP 65,000.00 in the form of; Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee, on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office of the Municipality of Pamplona, Province of Negros Oriental, on or before the Bid closing date on September 22, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend

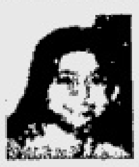
The LGU-BAC ARCDPII of Pamplona, Negros Oriental reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) **NICASIO C. BENEMERITO**
Chairman, LGU BAC-ARCDPII

(PDI AUG 14 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are charged with Violation of B.P. 22 before the Metropolitan Trial Courts of Parañaque and have pending **WARRANTS OF ARREST:**



ZONNA S. NADERA
(MeTC Br. 78)
Last known address:
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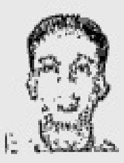

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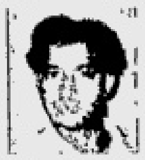

SEGUNDO M. BUENAOBRA, JR.
(MeTC Br. 78)
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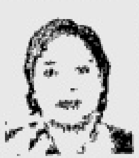
02 Red Palm St.,
Malinaw, Pasig City



MA. CORAZON A. DELA CUESTA
(MeTC Br. 77 & 78)
Last known address:
24 Daffodil St., Pilar
Village, Las Piñas City

Pls. Call **GERONIMO-JAVIER JOSE GUAN BOOL & JAVIER LAW OFFICES at 840-1350 or 892-6115** for information leading to arrest.

(PDI – Aug. 14, 2005)

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS, is the main advocate for global action on the epidemic. It leads, strengthens and supports an expanded response aimed at preventing transmission of HIV, providing care and support, reducing the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV/AIDS, and alleviating the impact of the epidemic.

Invitation to tender for the management of a UNAIDS Technical Support Facility in South East Asia and the Pacific

UNAIDS is establishing a **Technical Support Facility (TSF)** in South East Asia and the Pacific. This TSF will seek to collaborate with country and regional partners in the provision of high quality technical assistance required for the strategic planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of efforts in support of national HIV/AIDS programmes.

The TSF will be established and managed by an existing national/ regional organisation or consortia on a contractual basis for a period of two years with the possibility of a further three year extension. The main aims of the TSF will be to:

- Improve country partner access to timely and quality assured technical assistance in agreed priority areas
- Strengthen the capacity of country partners to manage technical assistance effectively
- Assist in the professional development of national and regional consultants
- Encourage a harmonised and collaborative approach to the delivery of technical assistance in support of country partner-owned and partner-led action plans

Applications are welcomed from groups working as a Consortium or network to establish the TSF in South East Asia and the Pacific. The competition is open to organizations established in any country in South East Asia and the Pacific region listed in the tender documents.

Further information on tender documents, eligibility criteria and required formats of tenders are available from:

Susan O'Leary, e-mail address: **tsfap@unaids.org**.

Deadline for submission of tender documents by registered mail will be **26 August 2005, 17:00 GMT**

(PDI--Aug. 14, 15 & 19, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

for one (1) year contract for the provision of the following:

Name of Project	Approved Budget for Contract	Start of Purchase of Bid Document	Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline for Submission and Bid Opening	Bid Fee
1. Security service for: a. The CCP Building Grounds and the National Arts Center (NAC) in Makiling, Laguna	P19,124,448.37 19,124,448.37	8-11-05	8-24-05 1:30 PM	9-07-05 1:30 PM CCP Board Room (CBR)	P5,000.00
b. The Philippine High School for the Arts in Makiling, Laguna	P1,858,109.16 1,858,109.16				P1,500.00
2. Indoor Janitorial Services for all CCP owned Buildings	P5,293,163.28 5,293,163.28	8-11-05	8-24-05 3:30 PM	9-09-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P3,000.00
3. Outdoor Janitorial Services for the CCP Complex	P4,352,679.73 4,352,679.73	8-16-05	8-26-05 1:30 PM	9-14-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P2,000.00
4. Engineering Maintenance Services for all CCP Buildings	P5,620,805.28 5,620,805.28	8-16-05	8-26-05 3:30 PM	9-16-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P3,000.00

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contracts shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below and on the dates indicated.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the BAC Secretariat upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in the amount(s) indicated. The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be submitted to the CCP BAC Secretariat on or before the scheduled deadlines. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit or bank guarantee or surety bond based on the agency approved budget for contract. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on the dates indicated. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives.

The award of the projects shall be based on the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid received from the Bidders.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

BAC Secretariat
Cecilia E. Funtinilla
3/F CCP Tanghalang Pambansa (CCP Marin Bldg.)
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
Tel. Nos. 632-832-3667
632-832-2511 local 1106/1107
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Website: www.culturalcenter.gov.ph

(Sgd.) **NIEVES T. DULDULAO**
BAC Chairperson

(PDI–Aug. 7 & 14, 2005)

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Labor and Employment
BFO Building, Ortigas Avenue cor. EDSA, Mandaluyong City 1501
Website: www.poea.gov.ph E-mail: info@poea.gov.ph
Hotlines: 722-1144, 722-1155

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BFO BUILDING'S AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM/SPRINKLER SYSTEM-PHASE I

ITB NO. 010-05

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites qualified Contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the below item project:

Items/Description	Approved Budget Ceiling for the Contract	Date Time		Price of Bid Documents (Non-Refundable)
		Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bid Docs/ Opening of Bids	
1. Construction of the BFO Building's Automatic Fire Suppression System/Sprinkler System System - PHASE I	Php 4,992,951.70	Date: **August 22, 2005** Time: **10:00 a.m.** Office of DA for Management Services	Date: **August 29, 2005** Time: **10:00 a.m.** Office of DA for Management Services	Php2,000.00

The Bid documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat c/o Mr. Reynaldo E. Cabrera, 5th Floor, BFO Bldg. Ortigas Ave. Mandaluyong City, Tel. no. 722-11-66, starting August 8, 2005, upon payment of Non-refundable fee indicated above. Only Bidders who have purchased the Bid Documents shall be eligible to attend the Pre-bid Conference and participate in the Bidding.

Sealed bid must be accompanied by any of the following bid security to be included in the first envelop as follows:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid
1. Cash Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank drafts or irrevocable certification of credit.	One percent (1%)
2. Bank Guarantee	One a half percent (1 1/2%)
3. Surety Bond	Two and a half percent (2 1/2%)

The bidders shall drop two (2) envelopes: First envelope to contain Class A Documents: Legal, Technical, Financial, Class B Documents: Valid joint agreement in case of a joint venture, Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized respresentative/s to verify any or all of the documents submitted for the eligibility check. Second envelope to contain Bid prices in the bill of Quantities in the prescribed Bid Form, Detailed estimates including a summary sheet indicating the unit prices of construction materials, labor rates and equipment rentals used in coming up with the bid, and Cash flow by the quarter and payments schedule, in the bid box located at Conference room of DA for Management Services 5th Floor, BFO Bldg. Mandalyong City.

Criteria for eligibility check, examination and evaluation of bids and post-qualification shall be non-discretionary pass/fail criteria. Only eligible bidders shall be considered for bid award.

The POEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality or defect contained therein, and accept the offer deemed to be most advantageous to the Government. It assumes no obligation to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bids, nor does it guarantee that an award can be made.

(Sgd.) **CARMELITA S. DIMZON, DPA**
Deputy Administrator for Mgt. Services and
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Aug. 7 & 14, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
LAGUINDINGAN AND MINDANAO AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Under a Technical Assistance Agreement with the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Center, the Philippine Infrastructure Corporation (PIC) through its Special Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites local and/ or foreign consultants to apply for eligibility and shortlisting and if found eligible and shortlisted, to bid for the project hereunder:

Name of Project	Consultancy services for the **Formulation of a Business Plan** for the implementation of the Laguindingan and Mindanao Airports Development Project through Public-Private Partnerships
Brief Description	Formulation of a Business Plan to be implemented by the Philippine government to undertake the development of the new Laguindingan Airport in Misamis Oriental as well as other Mindanao airports through BOT schemes and through Public-Private Partnerships. The consultancy shall require providing the Philippine government with the appropriate advise on Technical/Operational, Financial and Legal strategies, policies and activities to successfully develop and operate the Laguindingan Airport through Private Sector Investments under the BOT Law.
Approved Budget For the Contract (ABC)	USD 160,000.00 (PHP 9,000,000.00) Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at opening of the financial proposals.
Source of Funding	BOT PDF Project Development Facility (USAID) PIC Project Development Fund
Contract Duration	6 months

The list of minimum requirements is indicated in the Consultant's Eligibility Form. Eligibility of prospective bidders shall be checked using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Shortlisting of eligible consultants will be done based on the following criteria: experience of the consultant(s), qualification of personnel who may be assigned for consulting services and job capacity. The evaluation procedure to be adopted shall be Quality-Cost Based Evaluation (QCBE). The technical and financial proposals shall be given corresponding weights with the technical proposals given a weight of 80% and financial proposals given a weight of 20%. Their total weighted percentage shall be equal to 100%. The provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations relative to the bidding and award of contract including its implementation shall apply.

Consultant's Eligibility Forms and additional information including criteria for shortlisting will be available at the 6/F National Development Company Building, 116 Tordesillas St., Salcedo Village, Makati City, Philippines. Tel. Nos.: 840-1139, 840-4838 loc. 258 and Fax No: 840-4862 upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PHP 500.00 to the Philippine Infrastructure Corporation. Submission of the letter of intent and eligibility documents shall be on **August 22, 2005 12:00 noon**. Late submission will not be entertained.

Bid Documents will be available only to shortlisted bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PHP 10,000.00 to the Philippine Infrastructure Corporation.

PIC and BOT Center reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or any formality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any consultant/s whose bid/s is/are evaluated to be most advantageous to PIC and BOT Center. Furthermore, PIC and BOT Center are not obliged to compensate/indemnify the consultant/s for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bid nor does it guarantee that an award of contract will be made.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) ANGELITO G. RAMOS
SBAC Chairman

(PDI – August 14 & 19, 2005)

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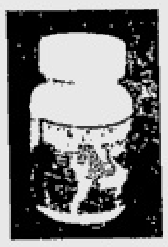
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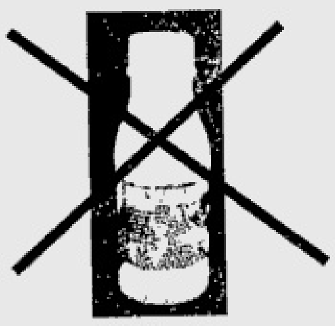
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  Phil. Patent No. Um-3562
- IV. Thermostatic (Ceiling) Fire Extinguisher
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Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on August 13, 2005 at the age of 65.

His bereaved wife, **Malou**; children **Carl** & **Jeannette**; mother, **Cipriana**; daughter-in-law, **Kim**; son-in-law, **Raymond**; grandchildren, **Synjin** & **Itos**; brothers and sisters, relatives and friends request that you include *Willi* in your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the
Holy Trinity Chapel
Sucat Road, Parañaque City.
Mass for Cremation Service will be on
Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Sr. Emigdia K. Aranda

(Mother Leonciomacaria del Espiritu Santo)
of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)

Peacefully joined her Creator
on August 12, 2005 at the age of 85.

She died at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Tala, Caloocan City after having served the Lord in the religious life for 62 years. Her earthly remains lie in state at the Chapel of the Lilies, Stella Maris Compound, Cambridge St., Cubao, Quezon City.

She will be dearly missed by her siblings: Antonio; Sr. Consuelo, ICM; Sr. Leticia, FMM (†); Lourdes Aranda-Pineda (†); Sr. Felicitas, MMS (†); Sr. Corazon, FMM; Sr. Teresita, ICM; Vicente; and Sr. Milagros, ICM (†); nieces and nephews, who request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Convent, Tagaytay City after the 8:00 Mass at Stella Maris.

Please omit flowers. Donations to support the projects of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will be highly appreciated.

ARCH. DIONISIO ALONZO SALVADOR, SR.

1936 - 2005

A beloved husband, father, grandfather,
brother and architect went to be with the Lord on 11th of August, 2005.

His survivors include his wife, Carmen, his children: Alex and wife Gina, Jundio and wife Rosie, Toti and wife Jo, Mida and husband Jig, Rossette and husband Richie; his grandchildren: Gabe, Andre, Enzo, Third, Charmaine, Brian, Kenneth, AJ, Arieanne, Armani, TJ, Louis, Ralph, Nixxy and Amara; and his brothers and sisters, and their families.

His family will receive relatives and friends at the **Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College Chapel**, (OLOPS C) Concepcion, Marikina City.

Interment will be announced later.

First Death Anniversary
We remember our beloved
Dad & Mom

DANDERICO DE GUZMAN PADAMA

Acting Chief Accountant, BPW Mla (purged but cleared & retired in 1975) Of Agno, Pangasinan

MERCEDES DE VERA PADAMA

Asst. Chief Librarian, TNL Mla (retired)
Of Mangatarem, Pangasinan

Who passed away on Aug. 17 and July 10, 2004 respectively in Houston, Texas, USA

Holy Masses have been offered at the following churches:

Redemptorist Church, Baclaran .	Aug. 17 5:45pm
Our Lady of Anunciation, QC	Aug. 17 6PM
Black Nazarene Church Quiapo	Aug. 17 6AM
Sto. Domingo Church QC	Aug. 18 7AM
St. Paul D Apostle Parish, QC	Aug. 18 6PM
And today Aug.14, Christ The King Parish Proj. 7 QC	12:30nn

Many thanks to all who keep them in their memory.

Children: Carlos & Marge Padama, Drs. Alice & Mandatu Saludsong, Rolando & Eden Padama, Yolly & Buddy Bryan, Evelyn & Elmer Olete ; grandchildren: Cheen & John Wong, Mai & Mel De Leon, Cheryl, Maricar & Chatty Padama, Michael, Anwar, Elias & Sameer Saludsong, Sarah & Jess Quintilian, JR, Michael, Jhenice and Jenica Padama, Clinton, Johnny & Hannah Bryan, Mervin & Rhymel Olete.

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3. Must have capitalization to support its operations, skilled manpower and necessary equipment/tools.
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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

(Re-bid)

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid on the following services:

Package/Description	Approved Budget for the Contract	Date/Time		Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable)	End-user
		Pre-Bid Conference	Submission Deadline/ Opening of Bids		
Supply of Services for Security at DepED Central Office, EDPITAF and IMCS for CY 2005-2006	Php 14,071,200.00	Aug. 25, 2005 10:00 AM	Sept. 6, 2005 10:00 AM	Php 5,000.00	GSD - Security Service Unit
Supply of Services for Ground Maintenance at DepED Central Office	Php 2,219,085.00	Aug. 25, 2005 2:00 PM	Sept. 6, 2005 2:00 PM	Php 1,500.00	General Services Division (GSD)

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the Procurement Service, BAC Secretariat, Room 508, 5th Flr., Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, starting on August 17, 2005 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above.

The Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at Buhangin ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

The bidders shall submit their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with procedure under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org or call DepED-PS at Telephone No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542.

DepED-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, or declare failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary and BAC Chairman

(PDI - Aug. 14 & 21, 2005)

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INVITATION TO BID

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center invites all DOH-Manila accredited suppliers for Drugs and Medicines, Hospital Medical, Dental, Surgical, Laboratory, X-Ray, reagents and supplies to bid for the same at the COBALT building, BGHMC Auditorium, Baguio City.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on September 5, 2005 Monday, 2:00 PM at the same venue for clarifications. Opening of Bids is scheduled on September 15, 2005 Thursday at exactly 2:00 PM at the same venue. Late Bidders shall be disqualified.

Instruction to Bidders (BAC FORM A) and Official Bid Tender Form (BAC FORM B) can be availed of from August 25, 2005 to September 14, 2005, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the office of the Chief Medical Professional Staff c/o **Mrs. Ma. TERESA C. FAJARDO**, after payment in cash of P700.00 at the cashier's office

The BAC shall award the contract to suppliers with the lowest qualifying bids. The BGHMC reserves the right to waive any minor deviations in the bid tender documents which do not affect the substance and validity of the bids and reserves the right to accept the bid most advantageous to the government.

Request or appeals for consideration will be entertained within (7) working days from posting of the winning bidders and may be submitted to the BAC Secretariat **Ms. MA. TERESA C. FAJARDO**, BGHMC, for BAC review.

Approved Budget Ceiling (ABC) for Drugs & Medicines is P38 Million and Laboratory, Medical, Surgical, Dental, X-Ray Supplies P64 Million. Source of funding is GOP. Contract duration is from January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

For inquiries you may call BAC Secretariat c/o **Ms. MA. TERESA C. FAJARDO** at 442-42-16 loc. 226 and/or loc. 252.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL V. FACTORA**, MD., MHA, CSEE
Medical Center Chief BGHMC

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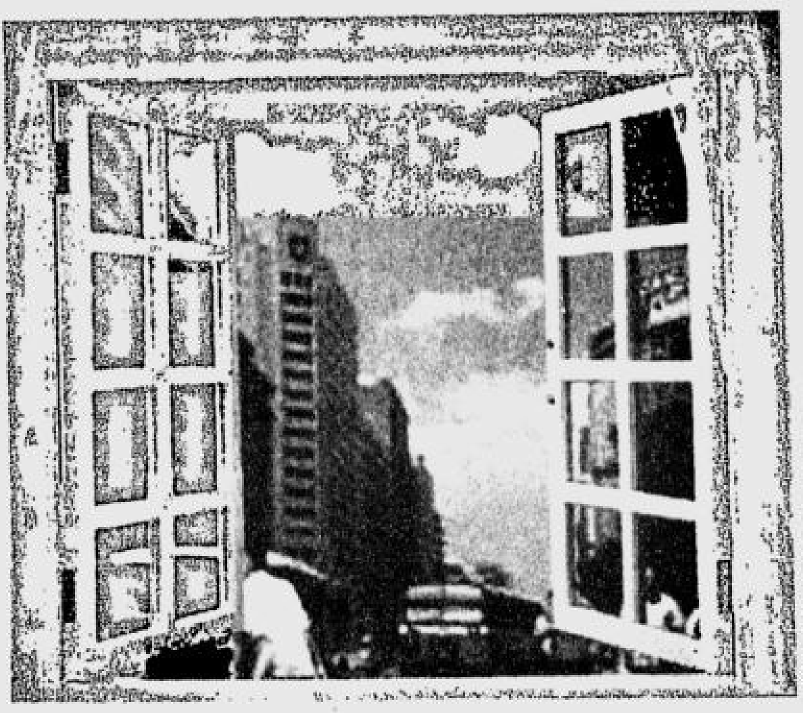

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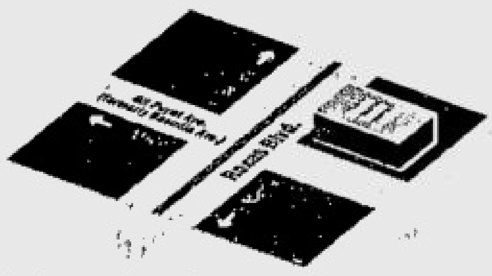

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By Linda Bolido

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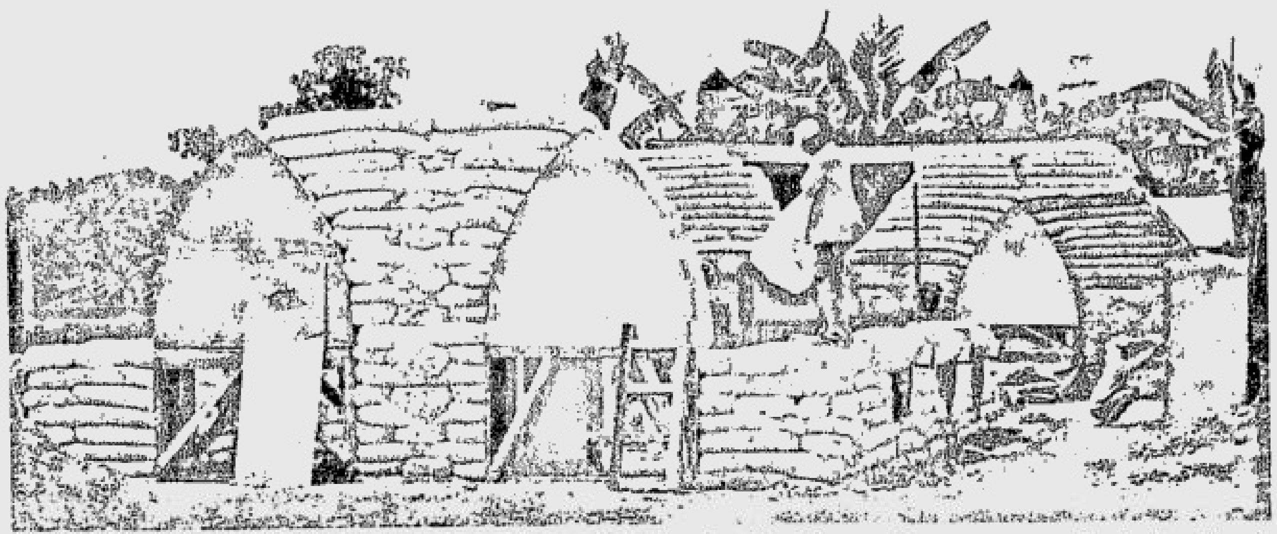
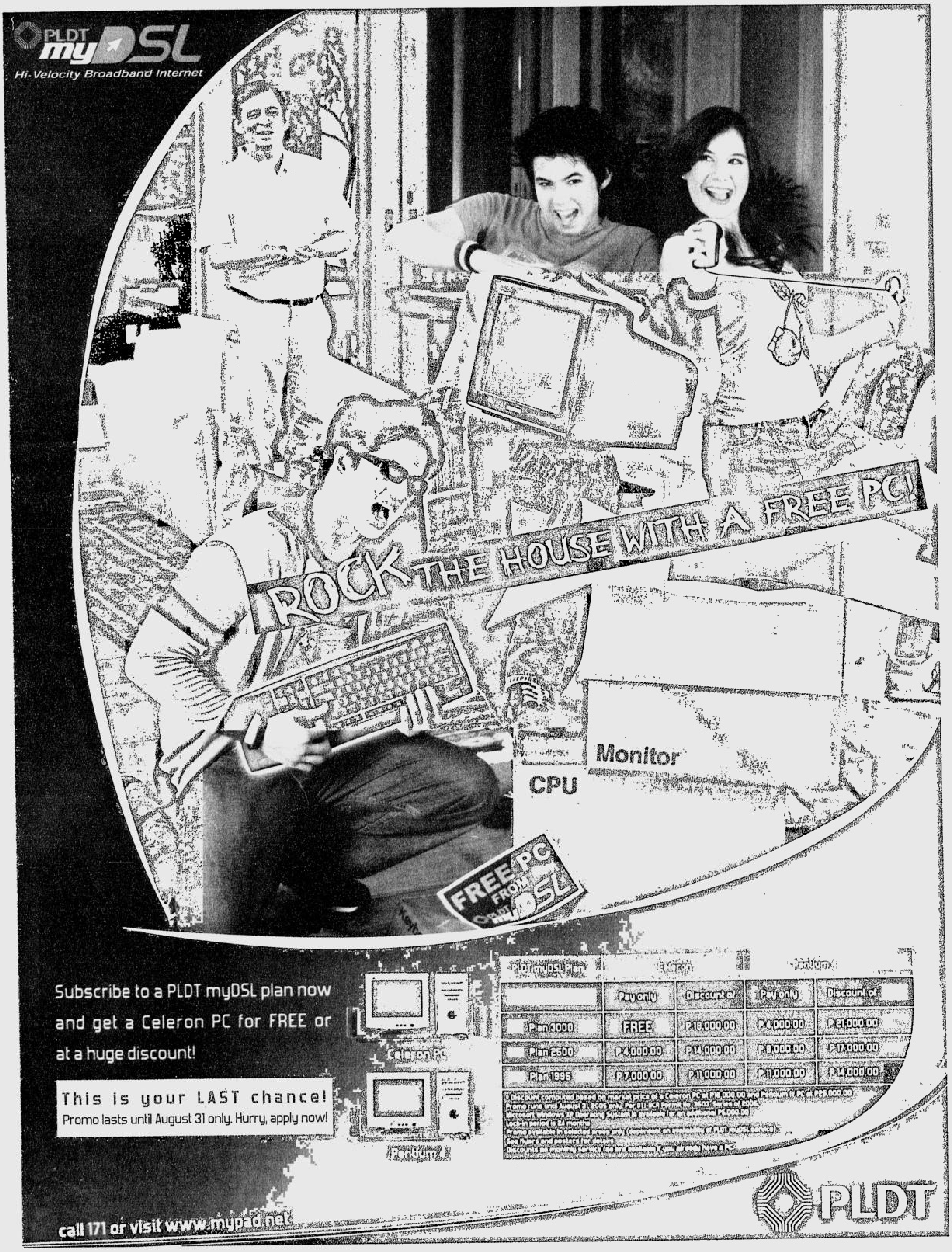


THIS may look like a bomb shelter rather than a schoolbuilding, but Illac Diaz says its rooms are cooler, better lit and more comfortable than conventional types.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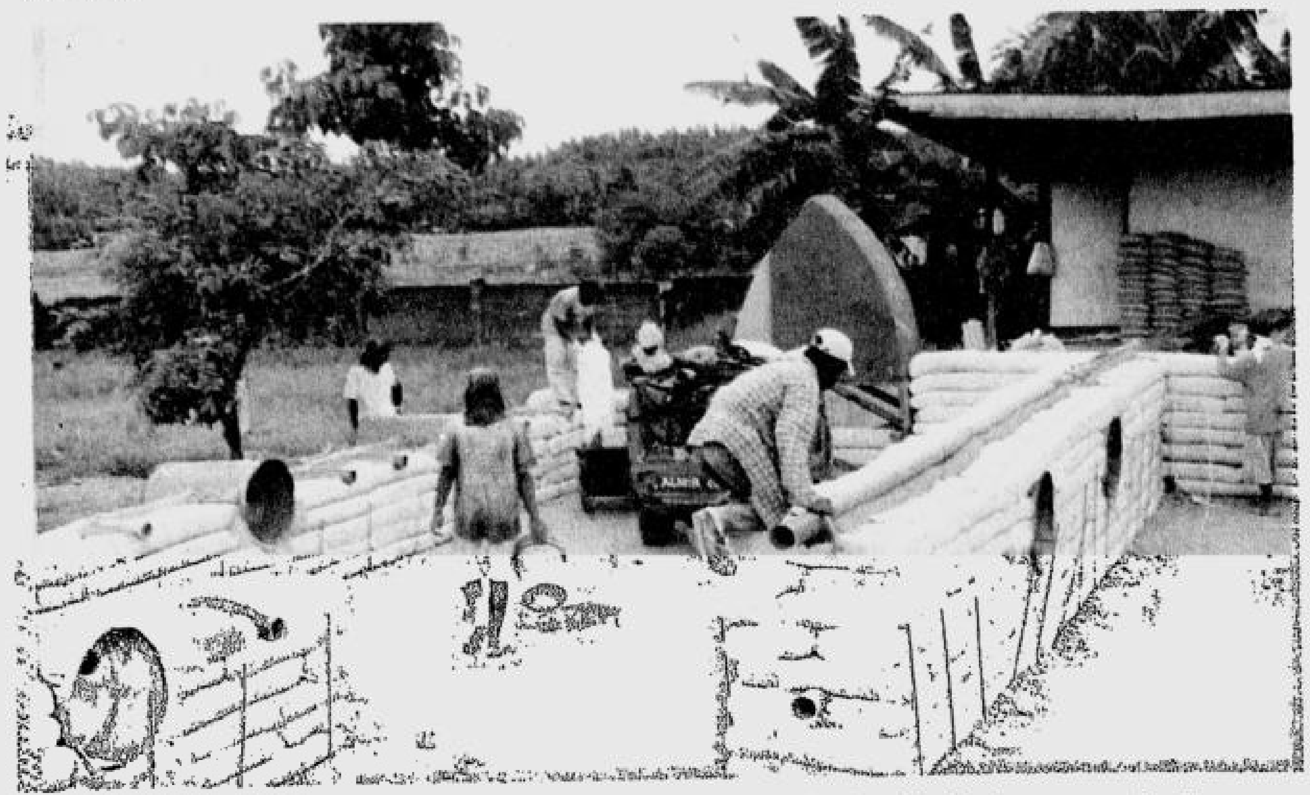
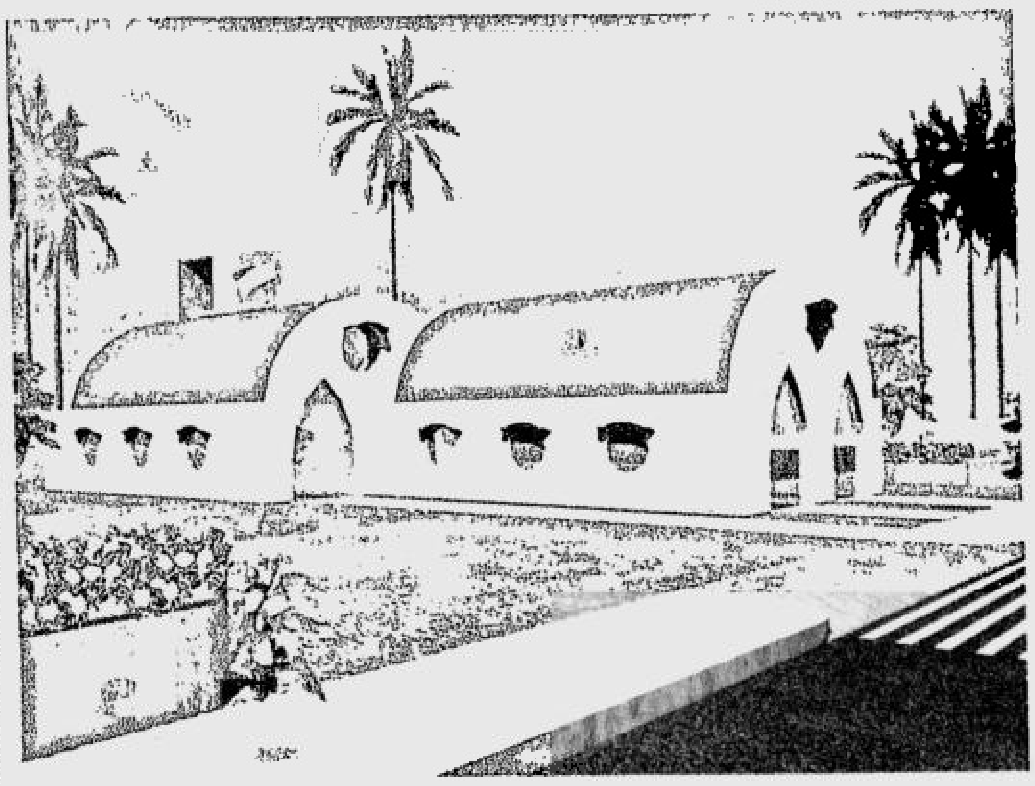


COMMUNITY members position water pipes that will allow air to circulate freely in the three-room schoolhouse.



SIARGAO'S new mud schoolbuilding is as sleek and neat as a concrete structure.

Illac Diaz has gone 'mud'

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"mud" in Escalante, Negros Occidental, named Rio Dome in honor of his late aunt, Rio Diaz Cojuangco, Diaz is now harnessing a Middle Eastern building technology in trying to close the gap between the student population and classrooms.

ILLAC DIAZ, executive director of MyShelter Foundation

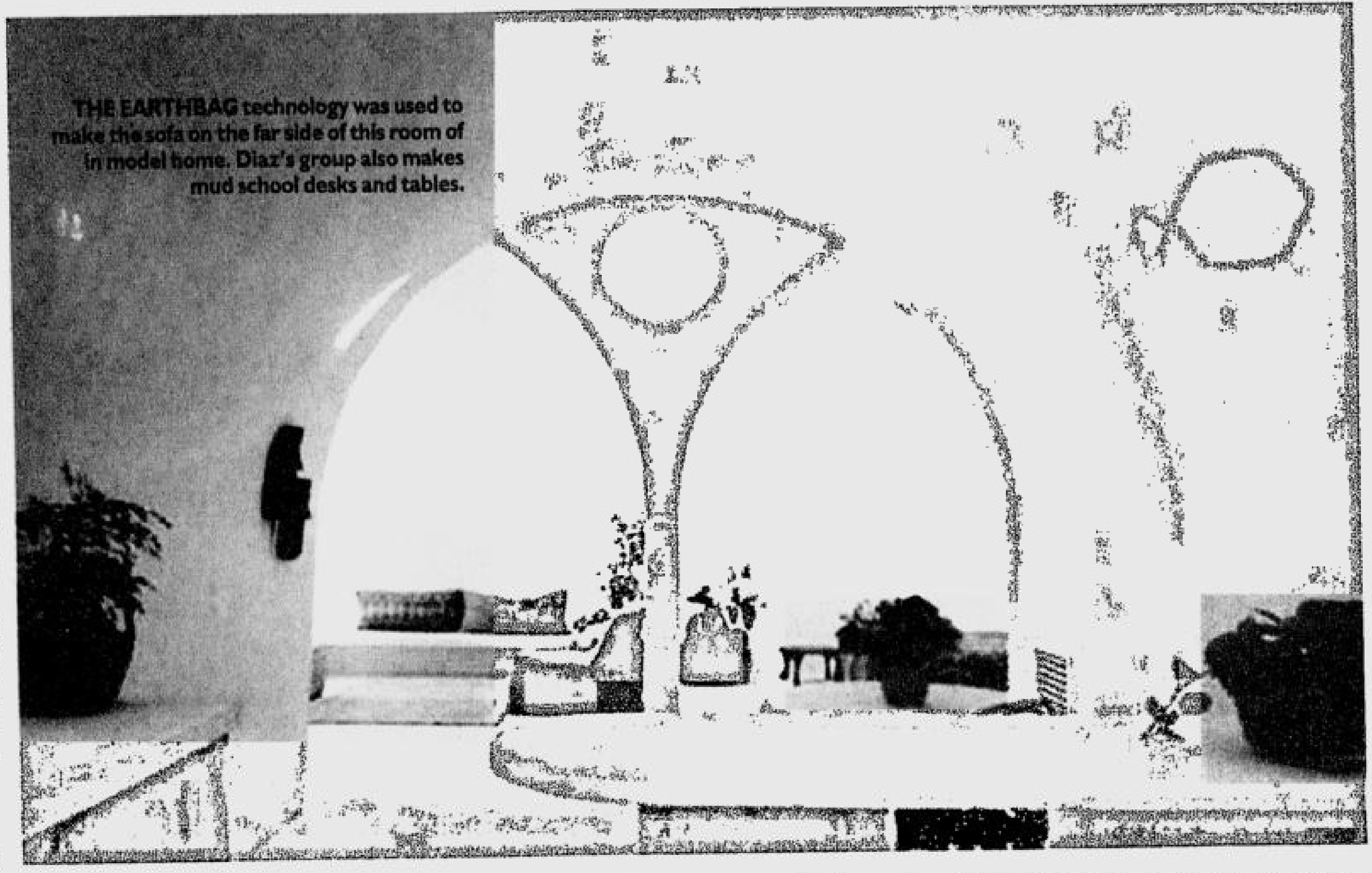
Diaz is executive director of My Shelter Foundation, which believes in "uncommon solutions for common problems." Updating an old adage a bit, Diaz goes beyond simply teaching people how to fish, in a manner of speaking. After all, with resources getting depleted at alarming rates, the "how" will not take them very far if there is no fish to catch. So Diaz is not just giving them skills but also showing them "where to fish."

He points out that the old Filipino construction technology using wood and stones is no longer suitable and practical. The severe problem of deforestation has drastically reduced the availability of lumber and other forest products used in construction.

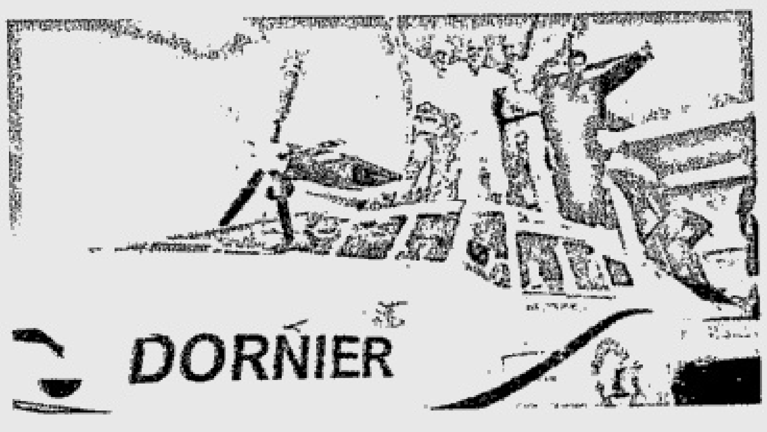
Concrete is not an appropriate alternative for many people without the means to have their homes—or any other structure—equipped with air-conditioners. Diaz says even electric fans use up considerable energy generated by power plants that use imported, costly and irreplaceable fossil fuel.

Iranian teacher

Diaz's Earthbag Construction Systems, adapted from a technology learned from an Iranian expert, uses material right under people's feet: soil, and straw sacks and barbed wire. Moreover, the technology does not need an army of engineers, architects, foremen, masons, carpenters, painters and whatever else even a modest building project requires these days.



THE EARTHBAG technology was used to make the sofa on the far side of this room of in model home. Diaz's group also makes mud school desks and tables.



DIAZ is currently on a flying fund-raising tour of the United States. According to an email making the rounds, on Aug. 27, this seaplane will land next to the Statue of Liberty and taxi towards North Cove on Manhattan Island, with the Philippine flag flying on top of a wing.

Members of a community—regardless of sex and age as long as they are committed, willing and able—can be mobilized to provide the human power needed for any construction project. As Diaz says, "Never underestimate the power of individuals."

With dome or arched roofs, whose weights are supported by the walls, Diaz's school buildings—and houses—have no pillars. They also do not use hollow blocks. The earthen roofs already make the structures cooler than concrete edifices but drums are also employed to shape and provide the opening for rounded windows and pipes are strategically placed to let air in and out to cool the structures. A little cement is used in some places just to "glue" things together.

Patented

Diaz, who has patented the construction technology, says the conventional building techniques "did not take into account nature." He points out they destroy the environment and pollute the water. They also require a lot of energy for cooling because "the metal sheet roof generates a lot of heat" so "houses need air-conditioners and electric fans."

With the main component, soil, free and right under people's feet, the young entrepreneur says there is also less need for imported materials.

"Maybe the western building techniques are not (appropriate) for developing countries," Diaz says.

"Earthbag" structures are also supposed to be fireproof (in fact, Diaz says fire cooks the earth and turns it into brick, strengthening the material in much the same way heat makes pottery stronger) and better able to withstand typhoons and earthquakes. Though strong enough to last 50 years or so, the whole structure is recyclable—the soil used can remain where it is without risk of adding to the waste problem when a building is torn down.

Uncomfortable

Diaz says the current design for schoolbuildings is very uncomfortable for students and not energy efficient. Classrooms are hot and dimly lit so electric bulbs have to be used. The discomfort of the classroom may be contributing to the high student dropout rates, he says.

For rural areas in need of classrooms but without the resources to build the conventional designs, the earthbag technology offers a solution. Though the first three-room schoolbuilding MyShelter Foundation built in Siargao, Surigao (in collaboration with the Abakada Foundation, a non-government organization focusing on the provision of educational facilities in rural areas), cost about P150,000, Diaz expects the price to drop even lower as he and his partners become more experienced in the use of the technology.

He is currently on a fund-raising trip to the United States. He wants to buy a machine for automatic earth bagging to speed up the work even more (a schoolbuilding for about 120 students took less than a month to finish) and is seeking support to build more classrooms.

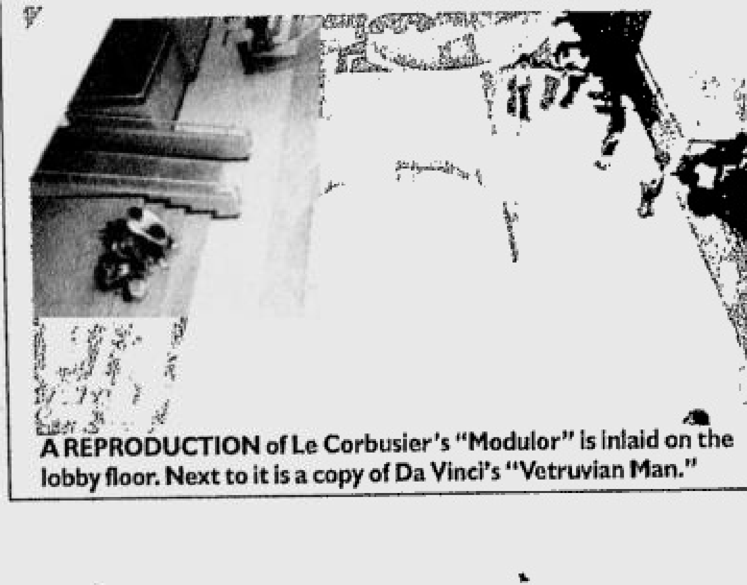
Though Diaz's MyShelter Foundation is collaborating with other NGOs like Abakada in this initiative, what he wants to see most is for the technology to be adopted by local governments and communities so they can be self-reliant in providing solutions to problems like classroom and housing shortages.

When architects house themselves

By Radel Paredes
Contributor

THE ACADEMIA gathers some of the best architects and artists in the college of architecture and fine arts. They are the vanguards of beauty and taste in today's largely philistine society. Being advocates of excellence in their own fields, they are meticulous professionals who do not always bend to clients. But what if they become themselves their own clients? In the newfound freedom, the resulting work becomes the dream project.

Such is the case when the architecture and fine arts professors of a university build their own school building. Recently, for example, the College of Architecture and Fine Arts of the University of San Carlos in Cebu City has moved into its new home, a modern complex crowning a hill in the Talamban Campus. It is the work of the college's own professors.



A REPRODUCTION of Le Corbusier's "Modulor" is inlaid on the lobby floor. Next to it is a copy of Da Vinci's "Vetruvian Man."

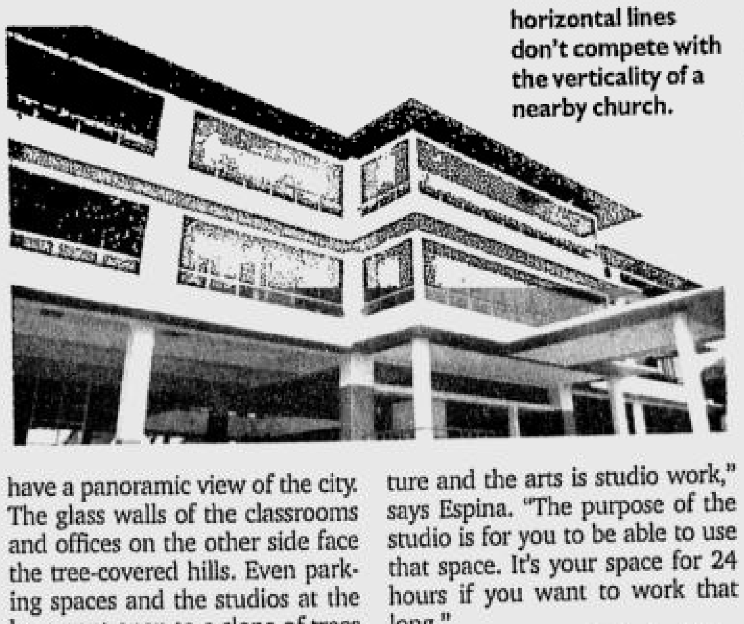
Seen from the outside, there is, however, nothing stylistic about this mall-size structure which sits close to the more iconic Church of St. Arnold and St. Joseph. In its simplicity and in the way that it echoes the curves of the hills, the road and the nearby church, it reflects a unique toned-down charm.

"We wanted to complement the church and not to overwhelm it because the new building is much bigger," explains dean Omar Maxwell Espina, who is the lead architect of the project. "We wanted to set it back and subdue it. The line there is very horizontal so it doesn't compete with the verticality of the church. And then we hoped to obscure the front some more with landscaping."

This sense of reverence is in keeping not only with the school's pious mission but also with the architect's adherence to "contextualism." According to Espina, "We were very concerned with context. We always think of our buildings as part of a larger composition. We do not design in a vacuum."

Going inside the building, the visitor is instantly impressed by a kind of grand welcoming space. Another striking feature of the building is the way in which it always seems to bring the outdoors indoors. The skylight of the atrium, for example, illuminates a copy of Da Vinci's "Vetruvian Man" inlaid on the lobby floor. Beside the lobby is a huge concourse whose exposed metal supports exemplify what Espina describes as the peculiar fascination of architects for unfinished structures: "It is unfinished but it looks beautiful. You can feel the structure. It's very frank, very transparent."

The "luxury of space" is experienced everywhere in the building. Facing the concourse are two digital theaters—the huge one for hosting film festivals and other programs, and the smaller one for regular film class screenings. There is hardly any room in the building that doesn't have a good view, an advantage of being located in a hilly campus.



THE BUILDING'S horizontal lines don't compete with the verticality of a nearby church.

The terraced landings in the central staircase, for example, have a panoramic view of the city. The glass walls of the classrooms and offices on the other side face the tree-covered hills. Even parking spaces and the studios at the basement open to a slope of trees at the back of the building.

More legroom is also given to the "workstations" of both faculty and students, as exemplified in the use of carrels and cubicles. Students working on their thesis are also given their own individual studios. "The core of architecture and the arts is studio work," says Espina. "The purpose of the studio is for you to be able to use that space. It's your space for 24 hours if you want to work that long."

The west wing of the building has yet to be constructed. It includes more workshops and integrates an amphitheater for outdoor performances. Still, the building already achieves its goal, which is to make the designer and artist feel at home.

Centrum for the techie lifestyle

Text by Anne A. Jambora
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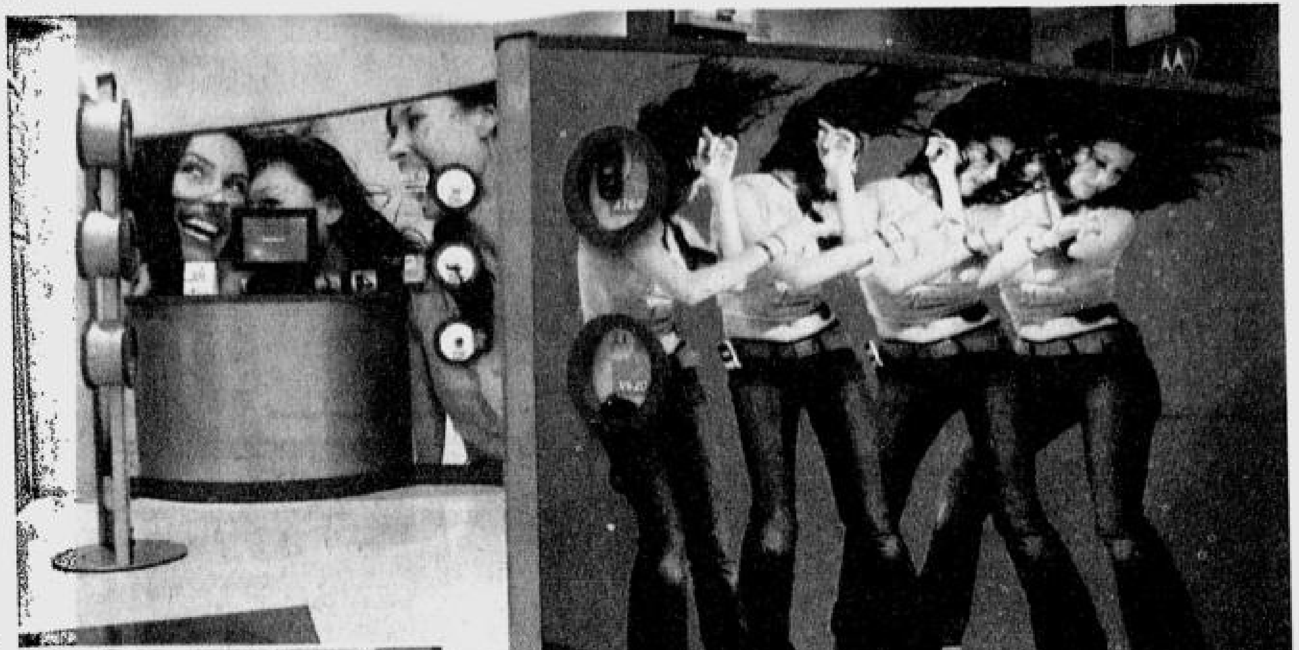
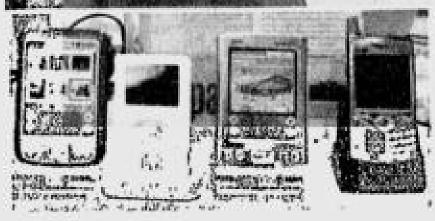
GARY Ramirez, Digital Exchange managing director



THE INTERIORS scream this is more than just your typical techie hub.



OBJECTS of envy at the palmOne/podCentral

IGNORANCE is not always bliss.

While there actually were days when the digital gap was a phrase mockingly referred to the great divide between the geeks and the cool heads, in this increasingly technologically dependent world, tech illiteracy reveals an embarrassingly dated mindset, utter lack of sophistication and, yes, a zilch personal style.

"We don't want to be branded as a techie hub. What we have are lifestyle products. This place is for everybody," says Gary Ramirez, managing director of Digital Exchange (DX), a consumer-friendly I.T. community at the 3/L Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati City.

Indeed, an innocent device such as a cell phone or mp3 player or digital camera can speak volumes about its user. And you don't have to be a techie to figure that out. Technology, in fact, is so much a part of everyone's lives that it's impossible to go through a day without bumping into one of those eye-candy widgets.

But many still shudder at the mere thought of something as trite as, say, an e-mail. While there is a certain rejection of technology to people of a certain age, it is ultimately fear—mostly of being ridiculed—that makes the tech illiterate cower.

Equipped with almost every imaginable gizmos and gadgets—from personal computing to telecommunications to digital services—DX, says Ramirez, is designed to draw in the non-techie market, from its clever play of colors to cool interiors and layout. Ten Samsung plasma screens are spread out throughout the area.

Simply put, the overall look is a departure from the typical staid façade often associated with a specialized nucleus such as this. At DX, shopping can be fun even when it entails purchasing a complex machinery of cold, hard steel.

Leisurely

Instead of more tenants to fill out the 1,300-sq.m. area, roomy hallways have been deliberately installed for leisurely shopping, Ramirez says. Major telecom players such as Nokia, Sony Ericsson, Motorola, Siemens, Samsung and Panasonic, for instance, are located next to each other for comfortable browsing of the hottest in cell phones. Units are available in each shop for testing.

"It's no joke buying a P20,000 or P30,000 phone. We want them to go around and look at the items. Through this design scheme, shoppers can easily compare and choose the right phone for them," Ramirez says.

A friendly and knowledgeable staff, he adds, are also on hand to entertain questions from newbies and techies alike. Nobody, assures Ramirez, will get scoffed at for not knowing what a voicemail is, for instance. The staff's expertise will not fall short of an advanced shopper's expectations either.

Aside from big telecom companies, DX also brings together top digital brands such as IBM, palmOne/podCentral (for PDAs, iPods, iBooks, PowerBooks and other Apple products, including accessories), Hewlett Packard, Epson, Canon D-Zone and Fuji Film. A non-brand shop, Pixel Point, stores under one roof the rest of the brands, such as digital cameras by Nikon, Kodak, Olympus, Casio. The first Globe Platinum Lounge is located at the center, with two mini conference rooms offered to Platinum members free of charge.

"This is the way to the future. Give it a spin—it will only take about five minutes—and see if there's something you need," he says.

Hotspot

A wi-fi hotspot, wireless surfing is made possible through Globe Quest. Warming up the ambience is the presence of many a wi-fi addicts' favorite, Seattle's Best—the first and only in Glorietta mall, with its own enclosed smoking room. DX has a digital projector and centralized audio system for activities, seminars, product demos and launches.

"These companies get together during expos and exhibits, but never on a permanent basis like this," Ramirez says.

Not even Singapore, he says, where many of the brand's regional offices are located, can boast of a concept like DX. Digital shops are located across the small island-state, sure, but never in one exclusive space.

DX is a diverse spread of cross-interest digital offerings, a melting pot of global technology with the expertise, authority, value and leadership represented by the products it carries. Warranties, full guarantees, personalized service, direct assessments and brand support are accessible to consumers.

The palmOne/podCentral even offers free tutorial computer lessons to clients as an after-sales service, so they would know how to better manage their Macs, iPods or phones.

"We encourage our tenants to have their own service centers here, if not offer their stores as a drop-off and pick-up point," he says.

That eliminates the need to locate service centers in the metropolis, making DX truly a hassle-free shopping center. Now that's a real post-sales assurance for consumers.

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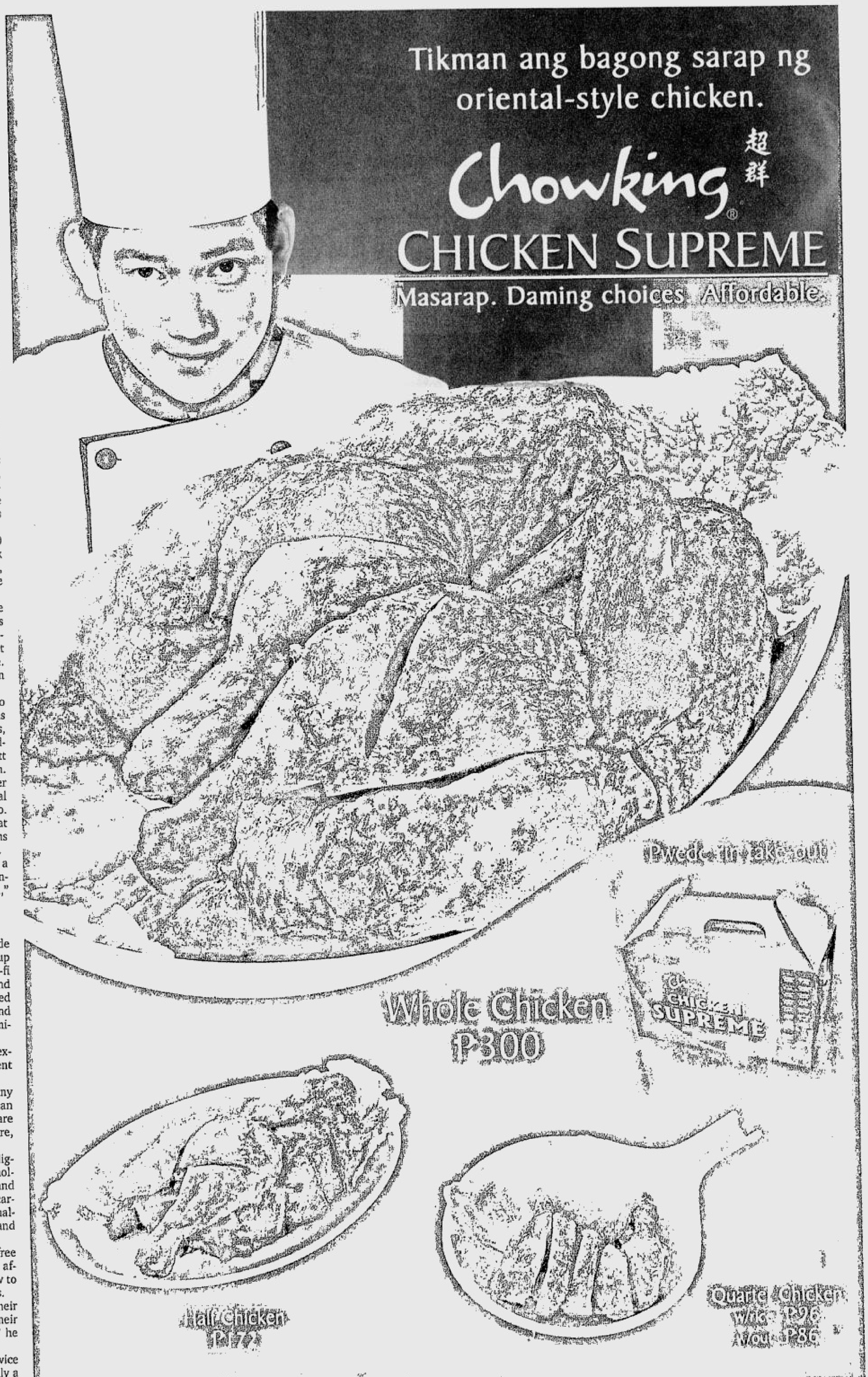

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Celebrating that silver lining

Cancer survivor Kara Magsanoc Alikpala's latest project promises to be a memorable gathering of kindred souls from all over the country

By Cathy S. Babao Guballa
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I CAN SERVE members Bibeth Orteza and Ina Vergel de Dios

KARA Magsanoc Alikpala knows the trenches of the battle that is cancer all too well, having been diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997.

After a two-year struggle marked by highs and lows, she, together with some close friends and co-cancer survivors, set up I Can Serve Foundation in 1999 to serve as a beacon of empowerment and information for other cancer survivors.

All throughout her fight, Alikpala, an award-winning television documentary producer, said she was blessed with the love and support of her family and friends. Her passion for helping others who fight the often lonely and painful battle with cancer is fueled by her singular aim of empowering them with information and inspiration.

Her latest project—a congress of sorts for breast-cancer survivors, dubbed Silver Linings and set for Sept. 25 at Edsa Shangri-La, promises to be a memorable gathering of survivors from all over the country.

Expensive

At a luncheon hosted by Julie Manning, wife of HSBC country manager Warner Manning, at her Forbes Park home, Alikpala said that while breast cancer remained the No. 1 killer of women in the country, its statistics could be reduced through early awareness and detection and, more importantly, if the drugs necessary to cure the disease were more readily available to a greater majority.

"Cancer is very expensive," she stressed while addressing an audience of mostly survivors and their loved ones. "Eighty percent of those who have breast cancer do not finish their treatment because it is very expensive."

Alikpala hoped Silver Linings would be both an event that would gather survivors and their families together for a full day of education, inspiration and relaxation, and at the same time raise funds that would enable the foundation to provide medicine to less privileged breast-cancer patients. "Many of those who have breast cancer are mothers, so in a way, through this effort, we are hoping to save the light and heart of many homes," Alikpala explained.

Though she was single when she was diagnosed in 1997, Alikpala has since married and is now mother to 4-year-old Ariana, who has given her and the whole Magsanoc-Alikpala clan much joy and hope. "Cancer has taught me to live and serve as if every day were my last," she said, smiling.

Film and television writer Bibeth Orteza, one of the attendees at the luncheon, also spoke briefly about her bout with cancer. "Chemotherapy is like dancing with pain," Orteza began. She then related how blessed she was because she had family and other caregivers to attend to her needs, how she had a car to take her to and from her chemo sessions.

But what about other women who are not as privileged? "The greater majority commutes, the greater majority still have to find a means to eke out a living. Some of them, in spite of the cancer, remain subjected to abuse by their husbands."

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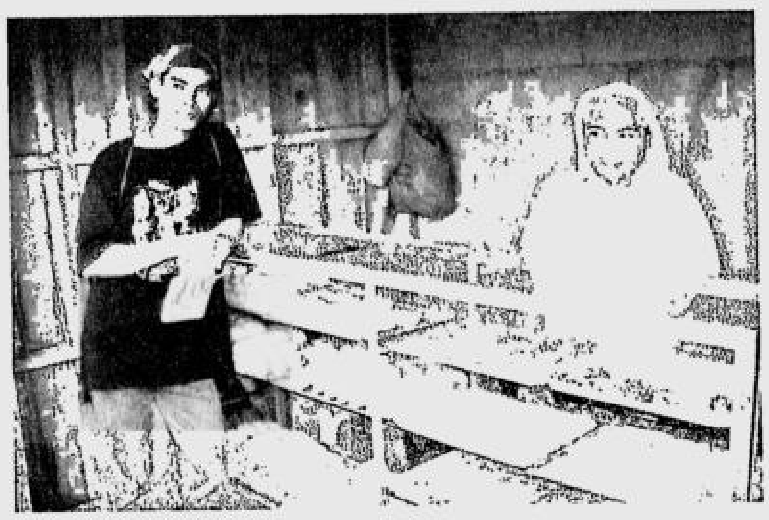


ONE of the bakeshops in the livelihood program supported by Nokia

Cotabato City

COTABATO delegates with Simo Hoikka

Indigenous youths get connected

By Cesar Miguel G. Escaño
Contributor

Young people from cultural communities say they feel alienated from mainstream society

OVER 130 youth leaders converged in Cotabato City recently to forge bonds of friendship and trust. The three-day youth congress, held as the Bangsamoro consultations were winding down in neighboring Sultan Kudarat, celebrated a unique journey of empowerment for indigenous youth, who completed the training program.

The gathering of youth leaders was the culmination of "Make a Connection: Nurturing Future Leaders," a three-year program supported by Nokia through the International Youth Foundation, Inc. (IYF), Consuelo Foundation, Inc. (CFI) and local partners.

Delegates came from 11 indigenous communities from Nueva Vizcaya (Kalanguya) to Tawi-Tawi (Samak). Participating in 12 projects, their livelihood and cultural initiatives prospered under the "Make a Connection" banner.

Alienation

The Philippines' more than 100 indigenous communities total about 11 million people. Some 70 percent of indigenous youths are school dropouts or have never been enrolled. The main reason they gave was they felt alienated from mainstream society.

Sim Adjijil, 19, a Yakan from Basilan, said he struggled with the double "stigma" of being a Muslim and being from Basilan, base of the dreaded Abu Sayyaf group. He said, "*Hindi lahat ng mga* Muslim, Abu Sayyaf. *Hindi lahat ng taga*-Basilan, *mga* Abu Sayyaf."

Jonie, 18, a Higaonon from Misamis Oriental, complained of discrimination in Metro Manila. "*Pagpunta sa* Luzon, Maynila, *akala nila na basta taga*-Mindanao, *mamamatay-tao.*"

Indigenous youth were often denied access to employment and livelihood. Without education and employable skills, they were stuck in a cycle of poverty and isolation.

Empowerment

Myrna Lim, executive director of Notre Dame Foundation, said the program looked at indigenous communities that really needed help.

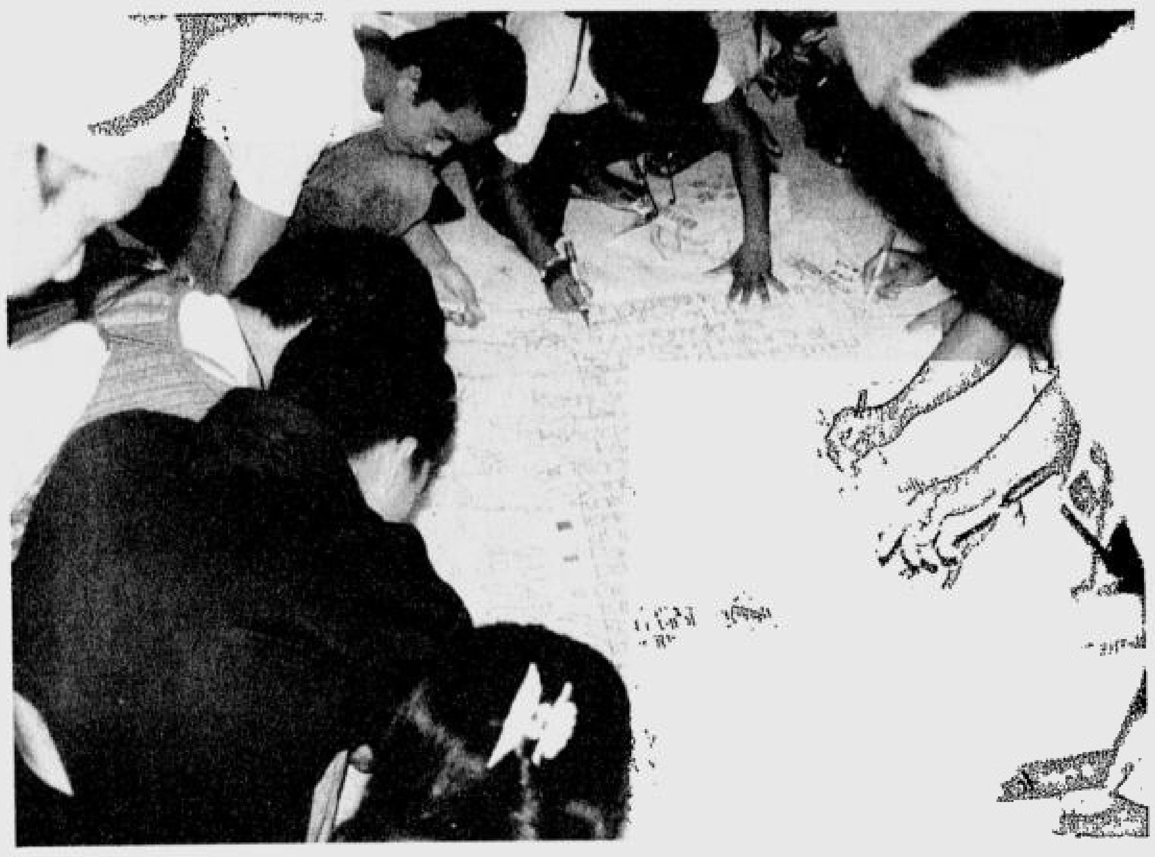
Consuelo Foundation and Notre Dame Foundation identified communities that would participate in livelihood initiatives under the "Make a Connection Program." Promising youths were recruited to spearhead micro-businesses and serve as role models in their communities.

Rico Manda, 23, from the Iranon community of Cotabato, leads other youths in his tribe in running a crab-fattening business together. The one-hectare fishpond they rent in Cotabato City has 5,000 crabs, earning them some P20,000 each harvest. Manda's group now plans to raise *bangus* and shrimp, too.

Participants in the Nokia program were divided into five groups, each group operating a livelihood business. Businesses included two bakeshops, silkscreen and streamer-making, fish vending, and crab fattening.

"We are so happy that we now have a livelihood project," said Manda, one of 50 participants from his community. "But it is also so difficult that there are youth that need more attention from us."

Thanking the program's sponsors for their help, he said, "Here, determination and perseverance become our capital. I hope many more youth like us will be served."



SIGNING of covenant

Connecting

Simo Hoikka, program manager for corporate relations and responsibility for Nokia Philippines, described the "Make a Connection" program as building a real foundation for real development. Found in over 20 countries, he said, "The program is different in each country but it always revolves around kids."

Felicitas Rixhon, executive director of the Consuelo Foundation, said, "We are in the business of giving hope for children to have a future. The only return we get is to have children realize their potential."

During a cultural festival on the first day of the youth congress, each of the 11 communities performed their own dances, their colorful ceremonial garb and dance movement enlivening a simple barangay basketball court.

A Muslim wedding was reenacted with a palanquin of swordsmen carrying a veiled bride. Kalanguya men, clad only in G-strings, stomped their feet to the sound of invisible drums and flew around the court, imitating hawks soaring high.

Invited to join in, Hoikka gladly flapped his arms around the court.

During the three-day congress, participants visited livelihood project sites in Cotabato City, such as the crab-fattening farm and bakeries. They attended workshops and testimonial-sharing sessions. On the last day, they signed a life-size mock-up of a youth covenant, promising to become responsible leaders in their communities.

After the youth congress, Jerson Vicente, 26, of the Kalanguya community of Nueva Vizcaya, the only indigenous group from Luzon represented, captured the spirit of "Make a Connection" when he said, "*Kaming mga galing* Luzon, *kala namin magulo dito sa* Mindanao. *Pero maganda ang pakikitungo sa amin. Dito ko napatunayan na kaya nating magtulungan para umunlad tayong lahat.*"

Celebrating that silver lining

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Married to film director Carlitos Siguion Reyna, who is fully supportive of her, Orteza encouraged the guests in the audience to "get on the journey with other people [like us] to make the journey easier for the greater majority who have breast cancer."

Forums

The day-long event at Edsa Shangri-La will have forums conducted in different breakaway rooms and at the main ballroom, themed according to various topics of interest to survivors and their families.

Among the topics will be "Breast Cancer 101," with noted cancer specialists and surgeons Sammy Ang and Diana Cua, oncologist Francis Lopez and radiation specialist Mary Jane Calaguas; "How the Other Half Copes," featuring the husband-and-wife teams of Jim and Lydia Paredes, Carlitos Siguion Reyna and Bibeth Orteza, and Bobit and Jackie Suntay; "Lifestyle After Cancer (Second Heaven)," featuring a panel of inspiring women cancer survivors; "Losing a Daughter and a Sister," sponsored by Roche and featuring Gloria Diaz, Myrna Borromeo and Lenny Hechanova; "Eating Healthy," with chefs Ferns Aracama, Reggie Aspiras, food consultant and breast-cancer survivor Beth Romualdez and Susan Villaroman; "Look Good, Feel Good," with Lia Bernardo, Apples Aberin-Sadhwani and Jing Monis; "Forgiveness and Healing," with Dr. Honey Carandang and Maribe Garcia; "Journaling," with Monina Mercado and Barbara Gonzales; "Healing Through Art and Music," with Grace Nono, Baby Valencia Eala and the Philippine Society of Oncologists; plus many other topics.

Companies who have contributed to the event are Roche Phils., Hair Reconstruction Devices, Bristol Myers, HSBC, Manila Bank and Rustan's Cosmetics and Toiletries. Some rooms are still available for corporate and private sponsorship.

Many of the women present that afternoon have found hope in their own desire to give the same to the other women who now walk the trenches they once knew so well. Charlie Cojuangco, whose wife Rio passed away last year after a long and difficult battle with cancer, continues to be active in breast-cancer advocacy. He summed up best the essence of Silver Linings and all the efforts that Alikpala and her co-survivors have been doing these last several years.

"What was my life all about? What was I here for? Why did the Creator create me?" Cojuangco asked the audience that afternoon. It was in finding the answers to his questions that Cojuangco, like many others present in that room, found his own silver lining.

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RACHEL Alejandro and Mikee Cojuangco are only two of the many celebrities related to a cancer victim

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THE CANCER activist with Charlie Cojuangco, husband of Rio Diaz who succumbed to cancer last year

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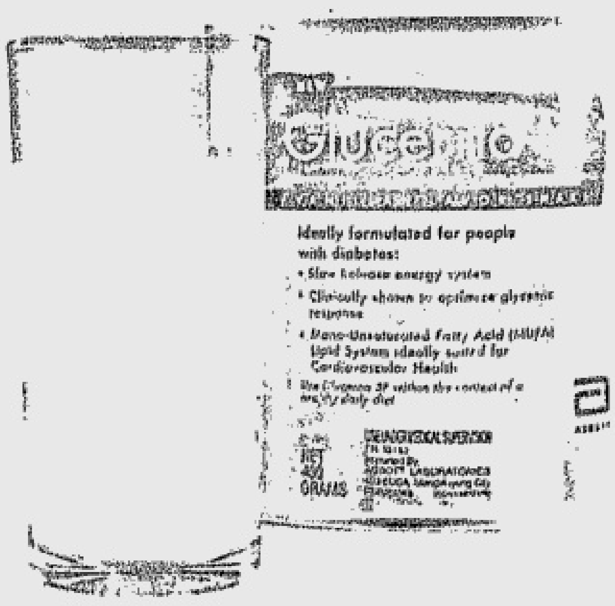

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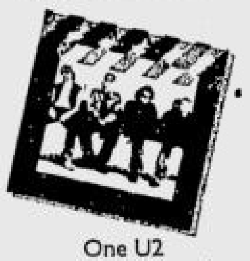
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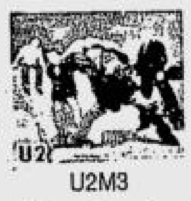
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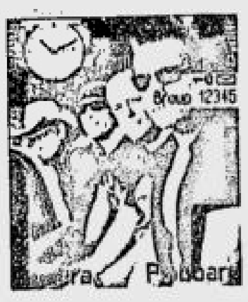

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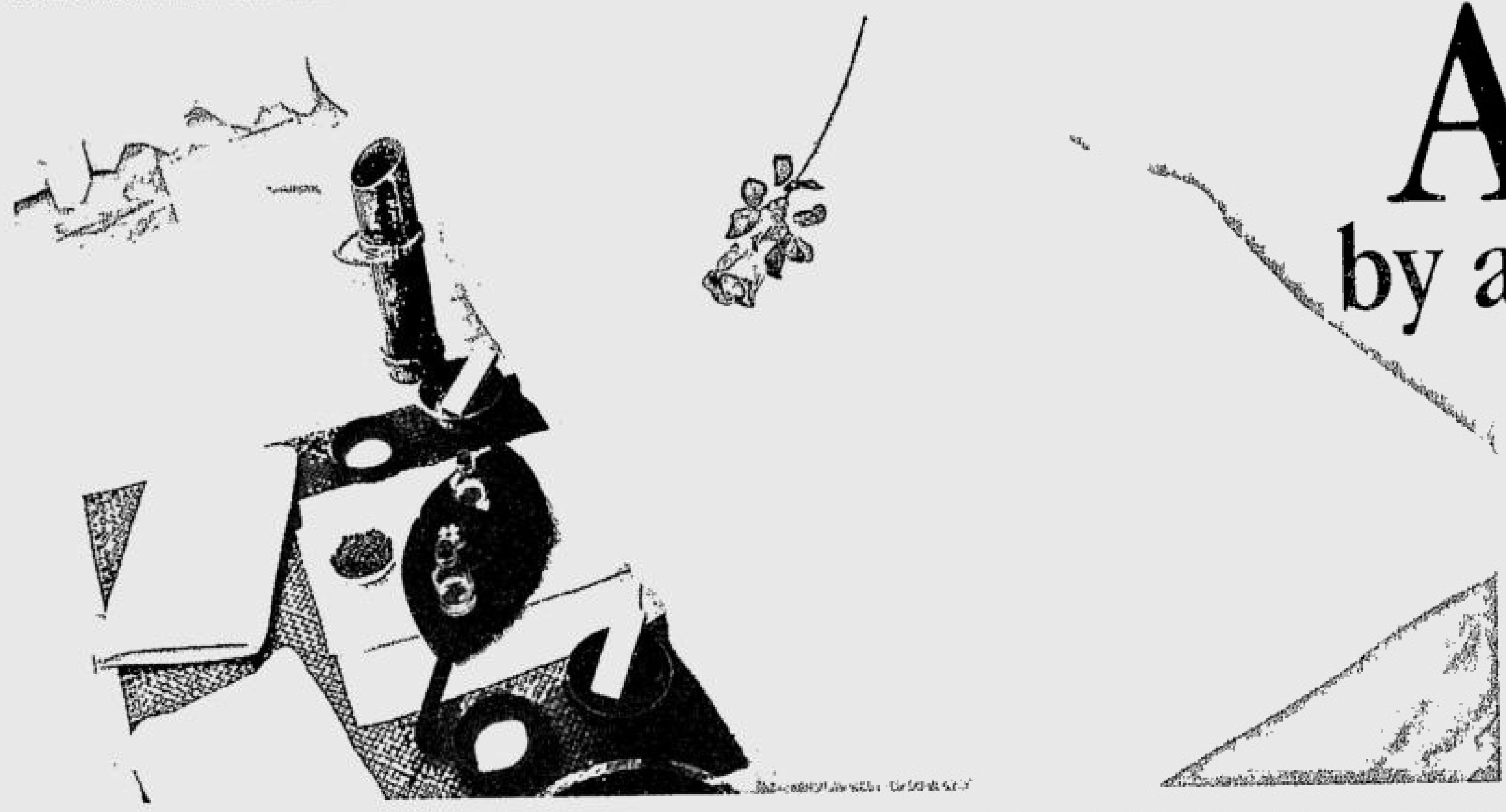

SHEETS of white cocoon a guest in each of 10 treatment rooms at Larossa.

A rose by any other name

Housed in a bustling marina at Subic Bay, Larossa reaffirms that the massage is the message, especially if it's synchronized therapy

Text by Chelo Banal-Formoso
Photos by Ernie Sarmiento

THE SUNDAY I packed my bags, kids and husband and said we were going to a family destination called the Subic Bay Yacht Club for some bonding, I wasn't exactly being forthright. What I really meant to do was head straight for Larossa Spa and get some serious pampering. (There goes my good mother image!)

Having heard that it was now being manned—"womanned" is the better word—by the same massage therapists who, before this, had been working their soothing hands on guests at The Rose, I just had to go. An exclusive seaside resort spa that is the nearest thing to heaven here on earth, The Rose is located in Cagayan—there where the last milepost in the north stands—and is reachable only after a half hour of plane plus

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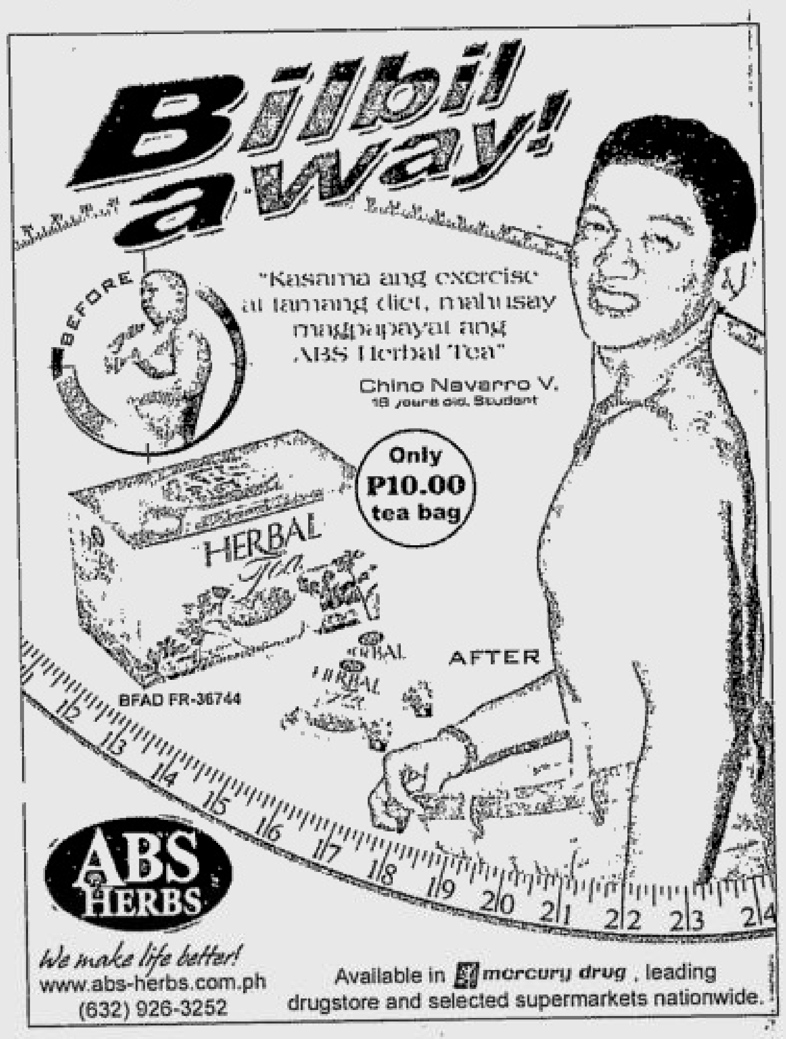

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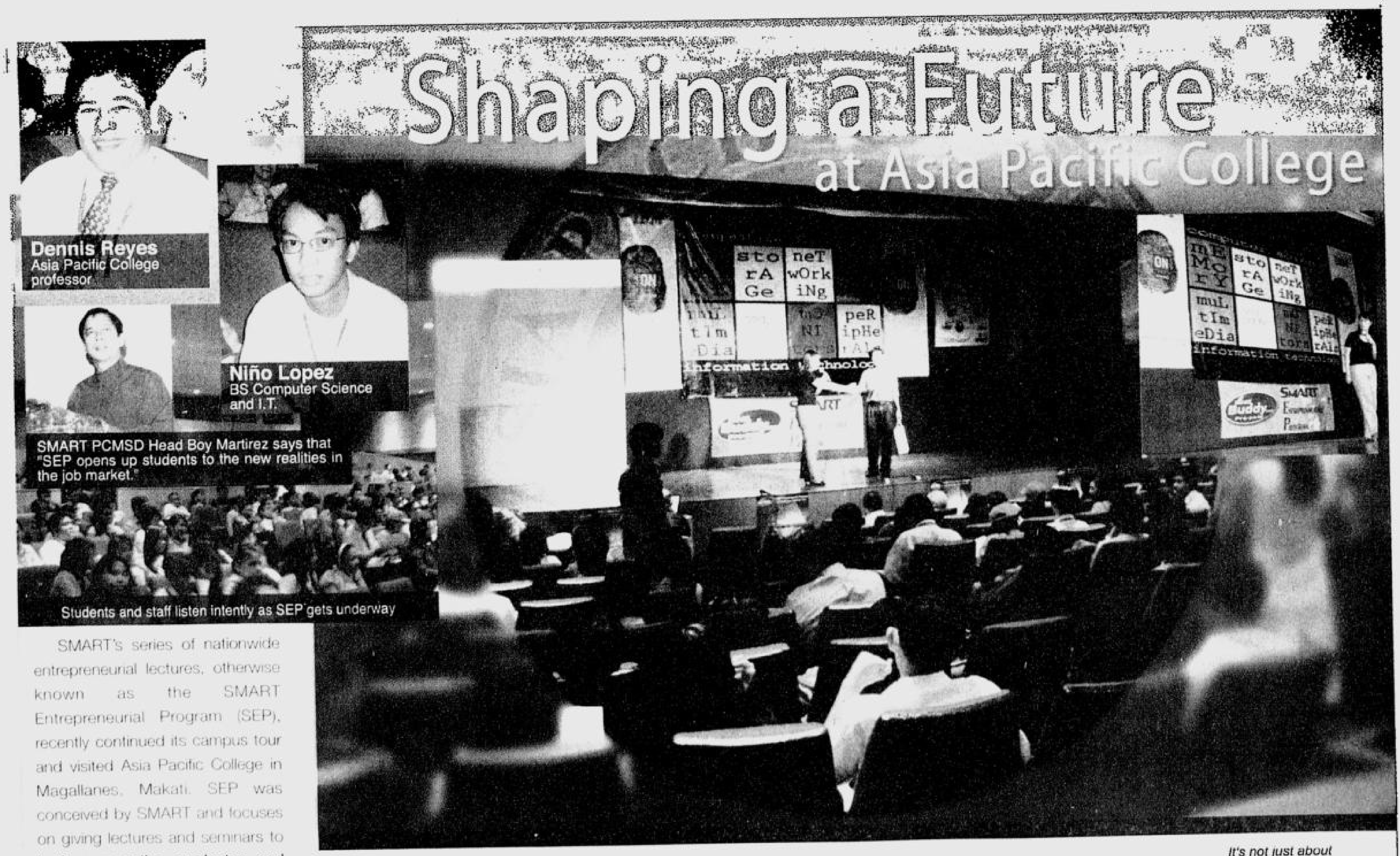


Dennis Reyes Asia Pacific College professor

Niño Lopez BS Computer Science and I.T.

SMART PCMSD Head Boy Martirez says that "SEP opens up students to the new realities in the job market."

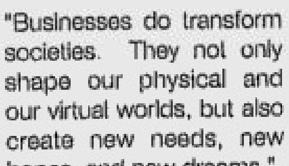
Students and staff listen intently as SEP gets underway

SMART's series of nationwide entrepreneurial lectures, otherwise known as the SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP), recently continued its campus tour and visited Asia Pacific College in Magallanes, Makati. SEP was conceived by SMART and focuses on giving lectures and seminars to both prospective graduates and recent college graduates in various educational institutions nationwide.

Niño Angelico I. Lopez, 19, is a BS Computer Science and Information Technology major graduating in 2008. Like anyone who would associate the onslaught of celfone communication with quantum leaps in technology, Niño shares, "I'd like to become a software engineer after I graduate. I took this course not because it's a trend nowadays; it is a need. Technology is now a basic commodity like food, shelter and clothing".

Indeed, such precocious insight is testament to the high standards of Niño's college. Dennis Reyes, a Computer Science and I.T. professor at the school, said, "I think SEP provides an opportunity to be financially independent even when studying. It provides a more convenient way to load your celfone even without cards". Niño added, "SEP has a great benefit for college students like me, because we can earn while studying. Through SEP, we can not just earn but also value money while we're studying."

Who can fault Niño for lack of ambition? When asked after the SEP lectures if he would consider entrepreneurship, his answer was an emphatic "definitely!". Great news, since the aim of SEP is to educate as well as inform these individuals of possible entrepreneurial opportunities as SMART dealers or agents, as well as to consider other avenues in the job market.



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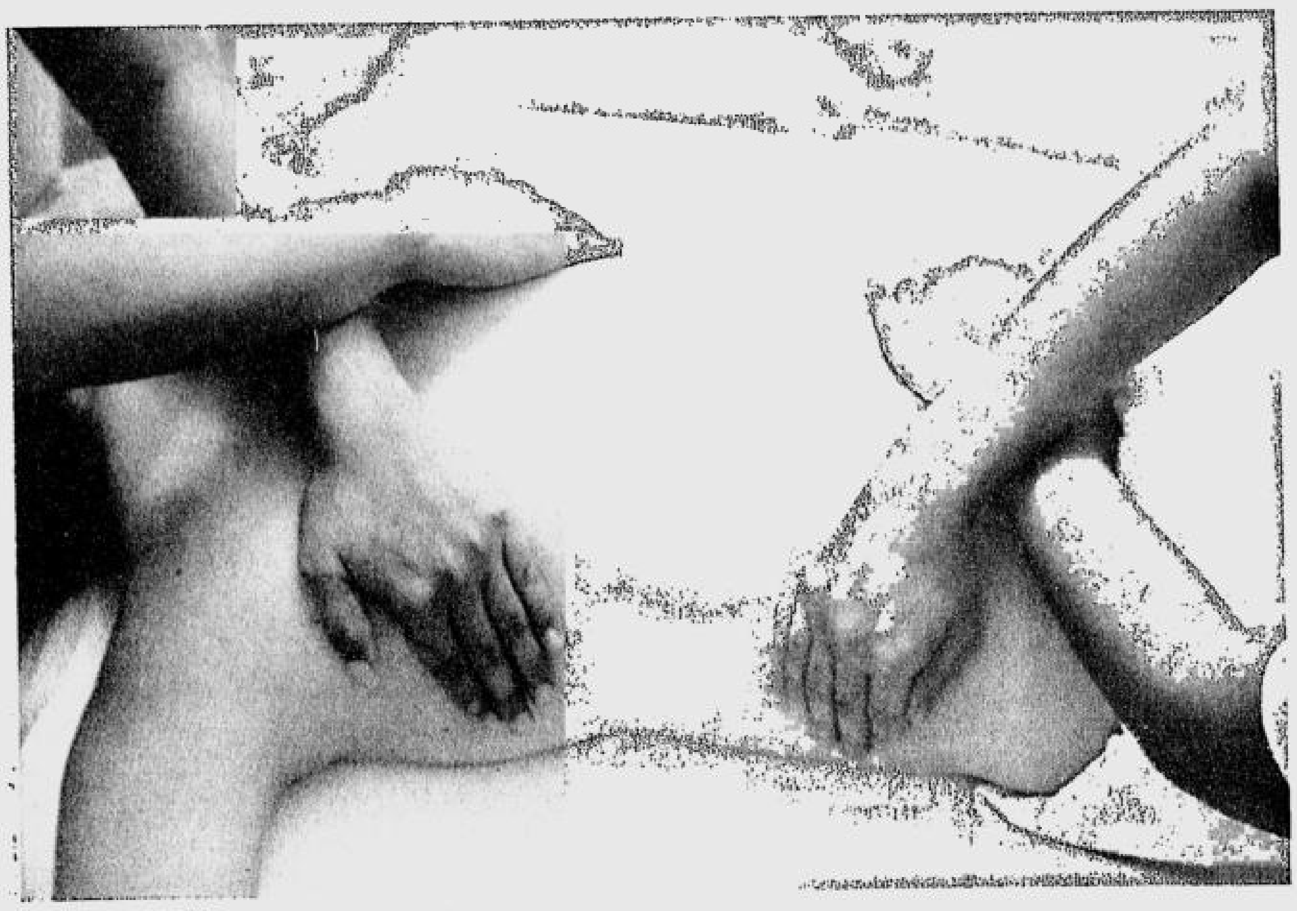
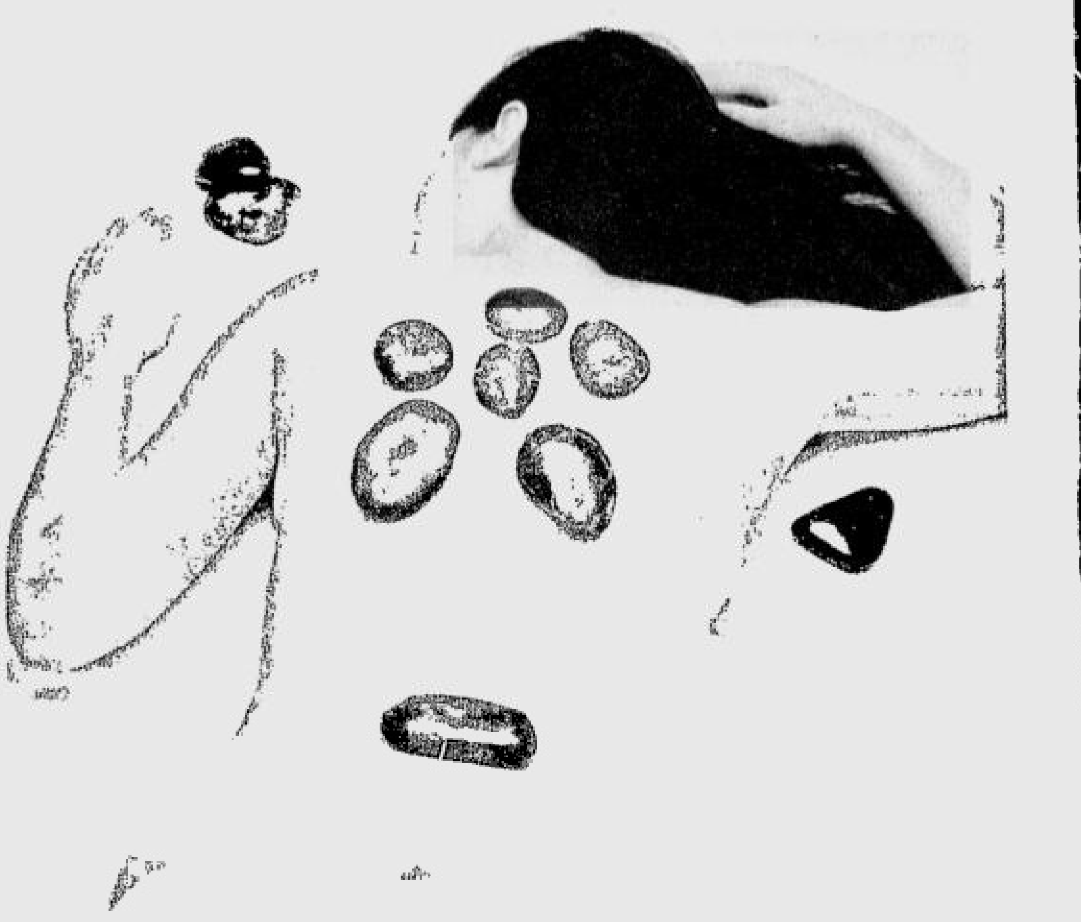


SYNCHRONIZED like a dance, all massages at Larossa are performed by two therapists. Larossa claims to be the only spa in the world, besides sister spa The Rose, where this ultimate pampering is offered.



IT looks like torture but the Chakra hot stone massage is really pure pleasure. Some heated basalt stones are placed over centers of energy while others are rubbed all over the body to soothe its sore spots.

A rose by any other name

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two hours of road travel. It is literally a hideaway and too hard to revisit.

The Larossa Spa in Subic Bay then was a most welcome substitute. Since its management had changed hands and it was now under the same people behind The Rose, it dangled quite a promise. But I had my misgivings. The Rose, after all, is a serene rejuvenation paradise amidst a spectacular setting of sea and gardens. Deluxe Bali-inspired accommodations make it all the more fabulous. How can Larossa, housed within a bustling marina clubhouse, ever compare?

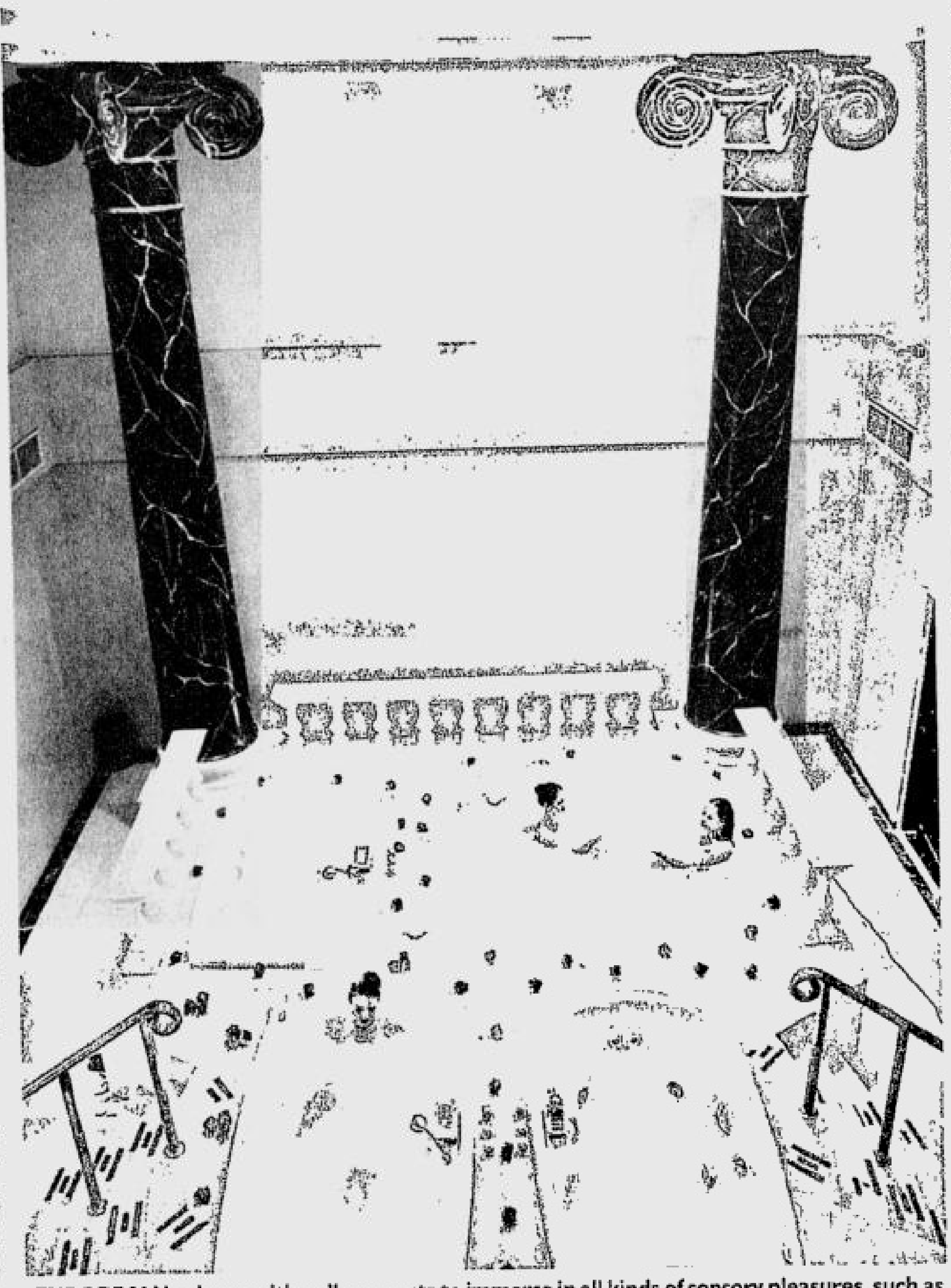
Well, as it turned out, the new spa sitting on the dock of the bay at SBYC has its own low-key charms. It has all the obligatory spa elements: sparse décor, white pebbles, scented candles, relaxing music and soft lighting—to complement the aromatic treatments on its menu. Creative use of a white-on-white design motif has transformed the place into a clean and peaceful retreat. I also like it that there are separate wings for male and female clients.

Larossa, however, proves that details and amenities are not as critical when you believe that the massage is the message. This is the only spa, outside of The Rose, where every massage is done by two therapists in synchronized movements, like a dance ritual that you can't watch but can sense from their touch. The Larossa brochure calls this technique Synchrotherapy. It's a tongue-twister, I know, but after one massage I was only too happy to adopt it as my mantra.

EXOTIC beauties from Cagayan welcoming guest are really synchronized massage experts.

In sync

The spa's signature massage, which I chose for my first pampering session, begins with a luxuriating foot bath. There were two therapists so each one took a foot ever so gingerly and started washing it in warm water with salt and rose petals. At the same time. In sync, as the kids would put it. After the guilty pleasure of having my feet bathed by not one but two women, I thought about what a bigger kick it would have been if the therapists had been men, but let's not go there.



EUROPEAN bath amenities allow guests to immerse in all kinds of sensory pleasures, such as milk bath, aromatherapy bath or the hydro-massage in the Hydrotub filled with essential oils.

The therapists showed me the choices of massage oil, and I picked the lavender-infused one. Then it's on to the massage table.

With one therapist on my left and the other on my right, both working their palms and elbows on my body in synchronized movements, I was ready to extol the virtues of synchrotherapy from the get-go. Their strokes were long and flowing, graceful and rhythmic, blissfully in sync. Where one pair of hand left off, the other picked up so that the whole massage was seamless. At no time was my body left lying there without a hand stroking it. I didn't have time to get bored, which usually happened in other spas whenever the lone therapist had to move to another side of the bed.

If Larossa's signature massage smoothed out my muscles' knots and bumps, its Chakra healing stone massage healed my body's aches and pains. This is a luscious option for "spaholics" who are bored with the traditional rubdown. I couldn't wait to try this treatment because my home-service *masahista* was always saying, whenever she would feel a particularly tense spot on my body, *lamig yan, marami kang lamig sa katawan*. I was hoping the hot stone massage would be the perfect antidote to these frozen pockets so I went back to the spa the next day.

Healing heat

Again, the ritual kicked off with a foot bath. And again, there were two therapists, but this time one worked from my head down and the other, from my toes up. First, they placed heated smooth stones over the energy centers (what my friend Gilda Cordero Fernando would recognize as key chakras) of my body. I felt the warmth penetrating and relaxing my muscles.

Then, in unison, the therapists started rubbing hot basalt stones in long, flowing strokes on my oiled body. I was a bit wary as the stones made contact with my neck at one end and my calf at the other, but the heat was just enough to pack a punch without actually toasting your skin. The sensation was actually soothing.

The therapists worked the smooth basalts up and down my back and leg, each girl switching to a new stone whenever the one in her hand began to cool. I especially loved it that they included some kneading action using the heated ovals, deeply working on my tense muscles.

All in all, the hot stone massage that I got at Larossa was a takes-your-breath-away experience. I don't remember walking out of the treatment room after this massage. I'm sure I must have floated out.

Sensory binge

You can go on a treatment binge at Larossa, immerse your body in all kinds of sensory pleasures that are beneficial for body, mind and soul.

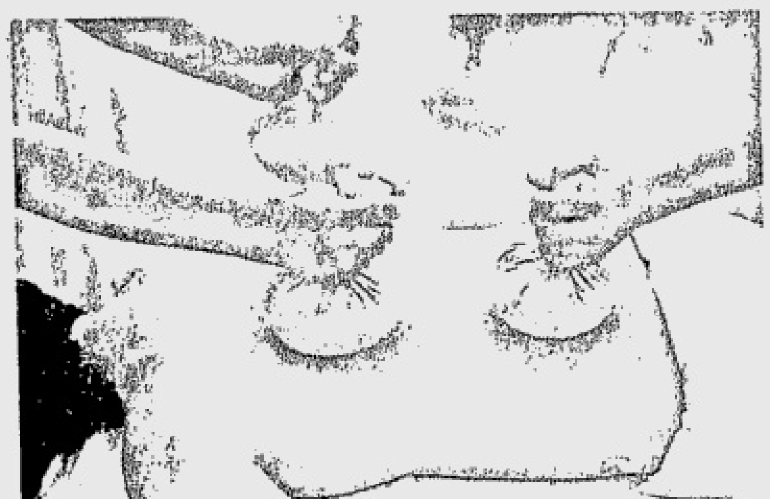
There is the Orient Blend massage which combines gentle yoga stretches and shiatsu acupressure, after which you get tapped and rubbed with an herbal bolus (pouch) containing camphor and other aromatic, therapeutic leaves. Oyayi, on the other hand, has been inspired by the traditional Filipino lullaby and a mother's comforting touch. The technique used, according to the people at Larossa, is the *"hilot,"* which has the cross design as the pattern of the massage to all parts of the body. A head massage called Shribyanga focuses on vital energy points in the head to relieve tension. Its counterpart for the feet is called Sen, which is based on an ancient form of foot reflexology. Or you can ask for the European hydro-massage in the capacious Hydrotub, which is filled with bath bombs containing essential oils.

There are all sorts of body scrubs using salt, coffee or mud done and body wraps using aloe vera, yoghurt or oatmeal followed by a Vichy shower.

Guests can also choose from a number of sublime packages of body treatments that culminate in a massage. Example: You start with lavender body wash, followed by a scalp massage, shirodhara, sea foam rub, vichy shower, and end with an invigorating massage.

You can't try everything in one visit but you can always go back. The average cost of a massage is P1,500, a bit steep compared to what your home-service masseuse charges but well worth the superbly trained twin therapists you'll always get at Larossa.

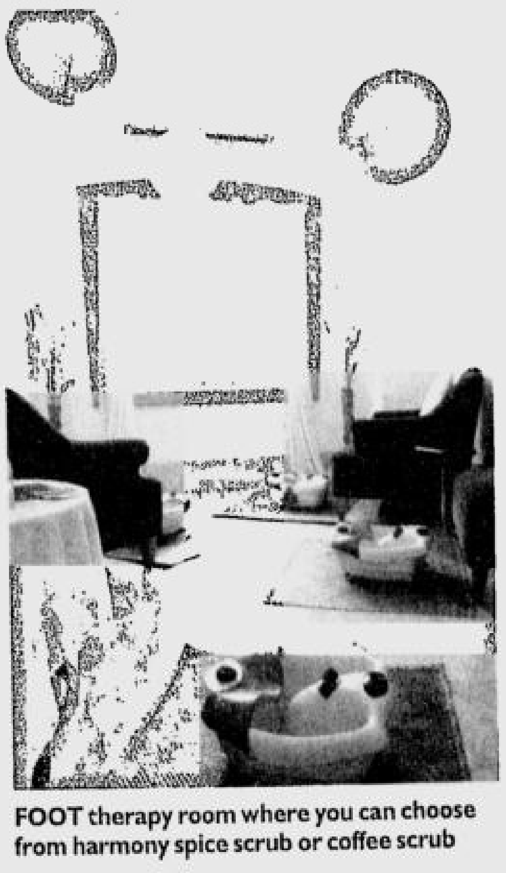
Larossa Spa is open to SBYC members and non-member guests. Members get 20-percent discount on all treatments. The spa is open from 1-10 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri-Sun. Call (047) 252-5211.



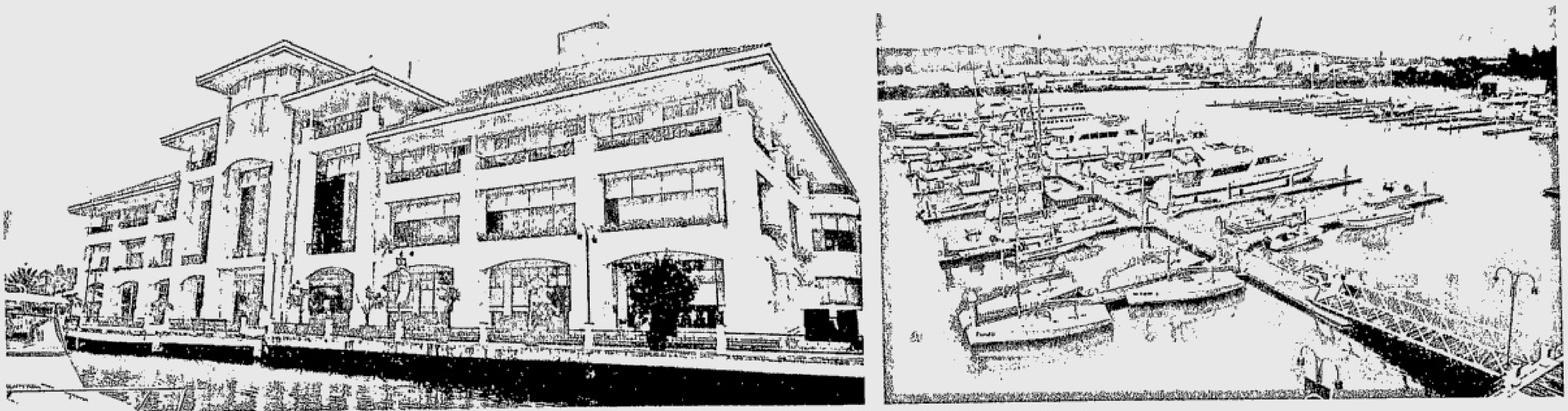
HERBAL pouches are tapped on the back in the Oriental Blend massage.

VICHY shower refreshes after a salt, coffee or mud body scrub, or a cucumber, yoghurt, oatmeal or mud body wrap

BRIDAL showers are among spa parties that can be booked at Larossa for a minimum charge of P15,000. The spa will serve light refreshment and guests may choose their massage a la carte.



FOOT therapy room where you can choose from harmony spice scrub or coffee scrub



THE SUBIC Bay Yacht Club opens its doors to the public until the end of October and invites its members to take a second look and rediscover why it is called the Jewel of Subic.

SBYC invites one and all to enjoy the good life

IF you've been to Subic in Olongapo and wondered at times how that Mediterranean structure shimmering like a jewel by the harbor looks inside, and what joys of living it has to offer, this is your chance.

The good news from manager Mari Vargas is that Subic Bay Yacht Club, which houses the Larossa Spa, is opening its doors to non-members from Sunday to Friday until end of October. Room rates are discounted at 50-percent off. An additional 25 percent is taken off if you pay upon check out.

Members have nothing to worry about, and much to be thankful for because now their friends won't have to pester them for invitations to SBYC. In addition, members can come on weekends and expect a 50-percent discount on room rates, plus another 50-percent off upon prompt payment of the bill at departure time.

The main clubhouse has 39 rooms, each lavishly furnished with a Jacuzzi bath and a shower jet. The upper deck rooms each have two queen-size beds, a 29-inch TV with—and this is so very important when you have young and teenage children—cable access.

Oh fair warning: Guests are not allowed to bring in food. You have to give the place a chance to bowl you over with its culinary offerings. For your first breakfast, do order the Filipino breakfast sampler, a jaw-dropping plate of *tapa, longganisa, daing na bangus*, garlic fried rice and eggs.

The Italian bistro Combusa is usually open everyday of the week. On weekends, all other outlets are open: Caracoa, which serves Japanese, Chinese and Filipino food, the Skipper Verandah, which serves Asian and Continental, the Mistral Videoke and disco bar, and the piano lobby bar and the home movie theater.

For those who can't leave work behind, the clubhouse has a fully equipped business center. For the young ones, SBYC offers daycare service. The club also has two regulation-size tennis courts surfaced with same turf used in the US Open, a bowling center, basketball court, a beach for volleyball, a fitness center and, of course, a spa.

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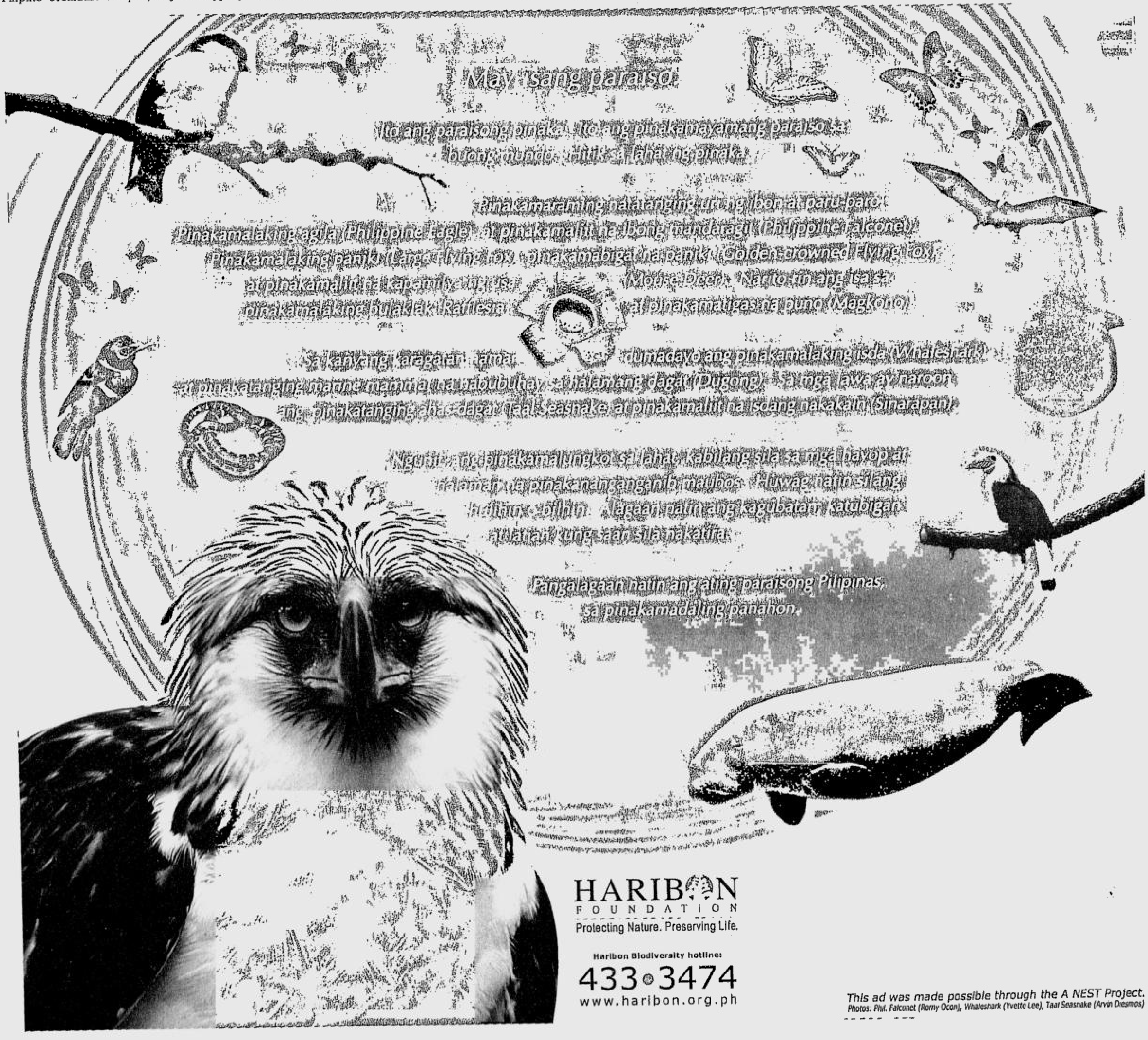

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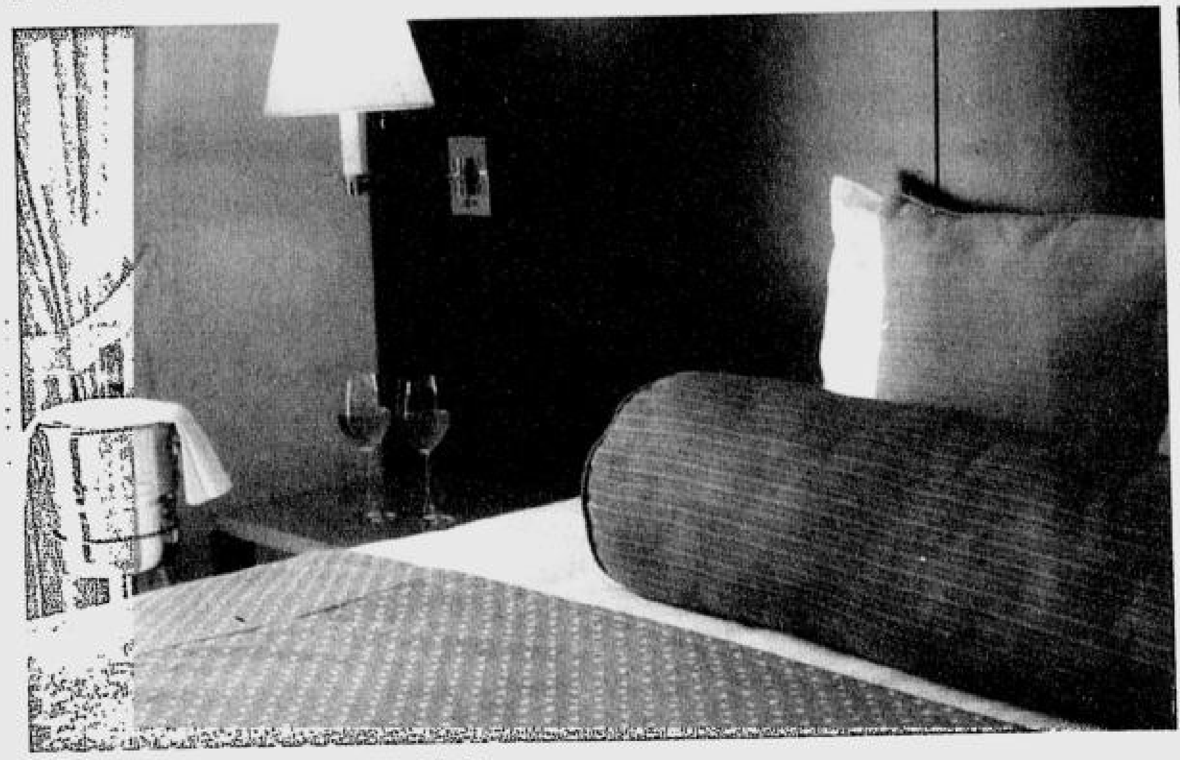

HIDEAWAY IN BATANGAS CITY
Hotel Pontefino offers overnight stay for only P999+ per person on a twin sharing basis until Aug. 31. This offer is not applicable for business meetings, conferences and seminars. Indulge in the hotel's Batangas Bulalo and Asian Mediterranean menu. Play badminton, table tennis or billiards at Fino Club. Sing your favorite songs at Fino Entertainment Center. Call 4213466/ (043) 7233466.

VERDE Island Resort recently participated in a product launch during the Department of Tourism's presentation of Southern Tagalog Region's Great Door Adventure in Intramuros, Manila. Photo shows Verde Island Resort's sales, marketing and public relations staff with resort manager Vincenzo Capello and the resort's Batangan Cultural Dancers.

TRAVELBRIEFS

Emirates launches daily non-stop service to New York

Emirates will add a second daily non-stop A340-500 500 flight from Dubai to North America on Nov. 7. Operating from Dubai International Airport to Terminal 4 at JFK, the new daily service EK203 will depart Dubai at 1:30 a.m. and land in New York at 7:10 a.m. the same day. The return flight EK204 will depart JFK at 9:10 a.m. and arrive in Dubai at 6:50 a.m. the next day.

Recently, Emirates signed an online partnership agreement with the InterContinental Hotels Group to offer online customers guaranteed best available Internet hotel rates.

Marco Polo signs 2nd hotel in RP

The Marco Polo Hotel Group has announced the management of a second property in the Philippines—The Marco Polo Plaza, located in Cebu City. Formerly known as the Cebu Plaza Hotel, it is located in the Nivel Hills district. It is 25 minutes from Mactan International Airport and five minutes away from the business and commercial center of Cebu City.

Federal Land Inc. is the lead company and member of the Metrobank Group that is undertaking the development of the hotel property together with Asia Pacific Top Management Corporation overseeing the operational aspects.

Pilgrimage tour in Israel

A pilgrimage tour of Holy Land in Israel plus historic and religious sites in Jordan is set on Nov. 2-12. It begins with a tour of Amman, Madaba (archelogical site known for its Byzantine mosaic treasures and the Church of the Virgin Mary), Mt. Nebo (where Moses is buried) and Petra (Hidden City with its beautiful monuments) in Jordan.

Fr. Gerry Tapiador is the pilgrimage chaplain. Call 8154938 / 8156925 or visit Windsor Tower, 163 Legaspi St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Macau's largest indoor venue inaugurated

The Macau East Asian Games Dome was recently inaugurated. Macau's largest pavilion is located in the COTAI zone between Taipa and Coloane and boasts of 4 independent sections: Arena (7,000 seats), Theater (2,000 seats), Exhibition Area (2,800 sq m) and Convention Center (3,000 sq m). The Dome covers an area approximately 140,000 sq m and has a total floor area of 54,000 sq m. Its architecture is made up of translucent material that prvides a giant shining "silver egg" appearance from afar.

Intercon's 'Luxury Escapes' program

Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts rolls out the red carpet for guests with Luxury Escapes promotion. Available until Sept. 1, Luxury Escapes offers guests a range of luxury accommodation and attractive privileges at more than 130 InterContinental hotels and resorts globally.

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Resort offers stress-free seminar

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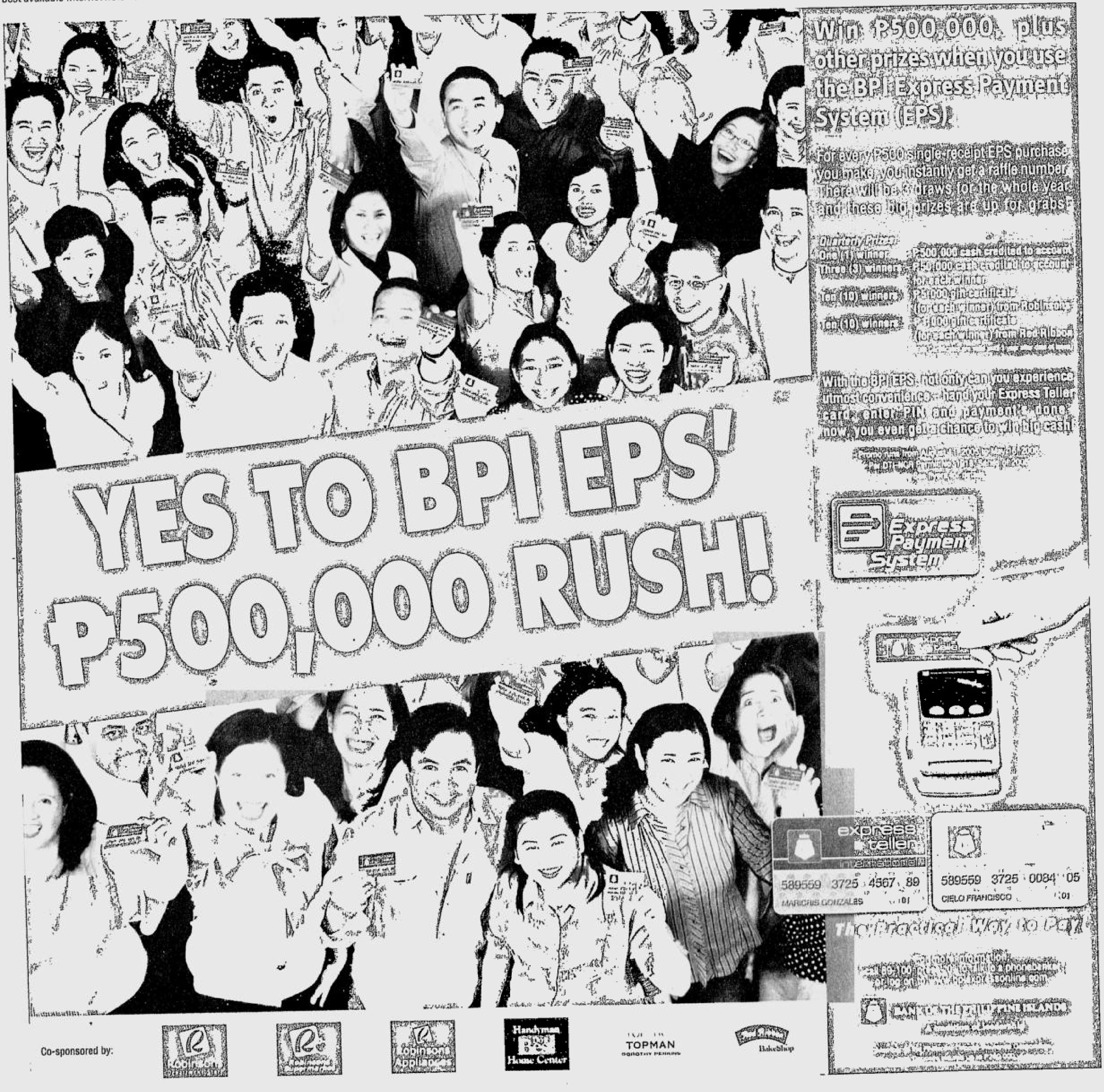

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VIBOY and Rose Añonuevo (née Calderon)

Friends for life

VIBOY Añonuevo, son of Roy Nilo and Marivic Añonuevo, and Rose Calderon, daughter of engineer Ernesto and Myrna Calderon, became friends some four years ago.

FRIENDS/ F2

WITH THE GROOM'S family

The New Look of Lady's Choice

Lady's Choice, the country's number one brand of mayonnaise and spreads, reveals its new shape.

Taking inspiration from one of its most basic ingredient - the egg, Lady's Choice continues to exude richness and freshness with its new look. At the same time, the brand upholds its premium quality standards in creaminess and delicious taste that have made Lady's Choice number one in the hearts of Filipino foodies.

Not only is this new look very attractive but it is also very functional. Use the empty bottle as a container for almost anything you can think of – from clips and trinkets to condiments and even as a vase. The possibilities are limitless and exciting. Decorative in nature, the new look of the Lady's Choice bottle is simply a masterpiece in its own right. Add your personal touch and it can transform to something that mirrors yourself -- versatile, modern and most of all, creative.

Lady's Choice has been the inspiration of millions of Filipinos in bringing out their innate creativity when it comes to food preparation. For more than 50 years now, women have found a champion in Lady's Choice in helping them express their individuality especially through food.

The new look of Lady's Choice is just one way of strengthening the knot that binds it snugly to foodie hearts. But even with this change in bottle shape, one thing will remain constant - Lady's Choice will always be committed to providing delightful products that shine proudly and reflect the true Filipino taste.

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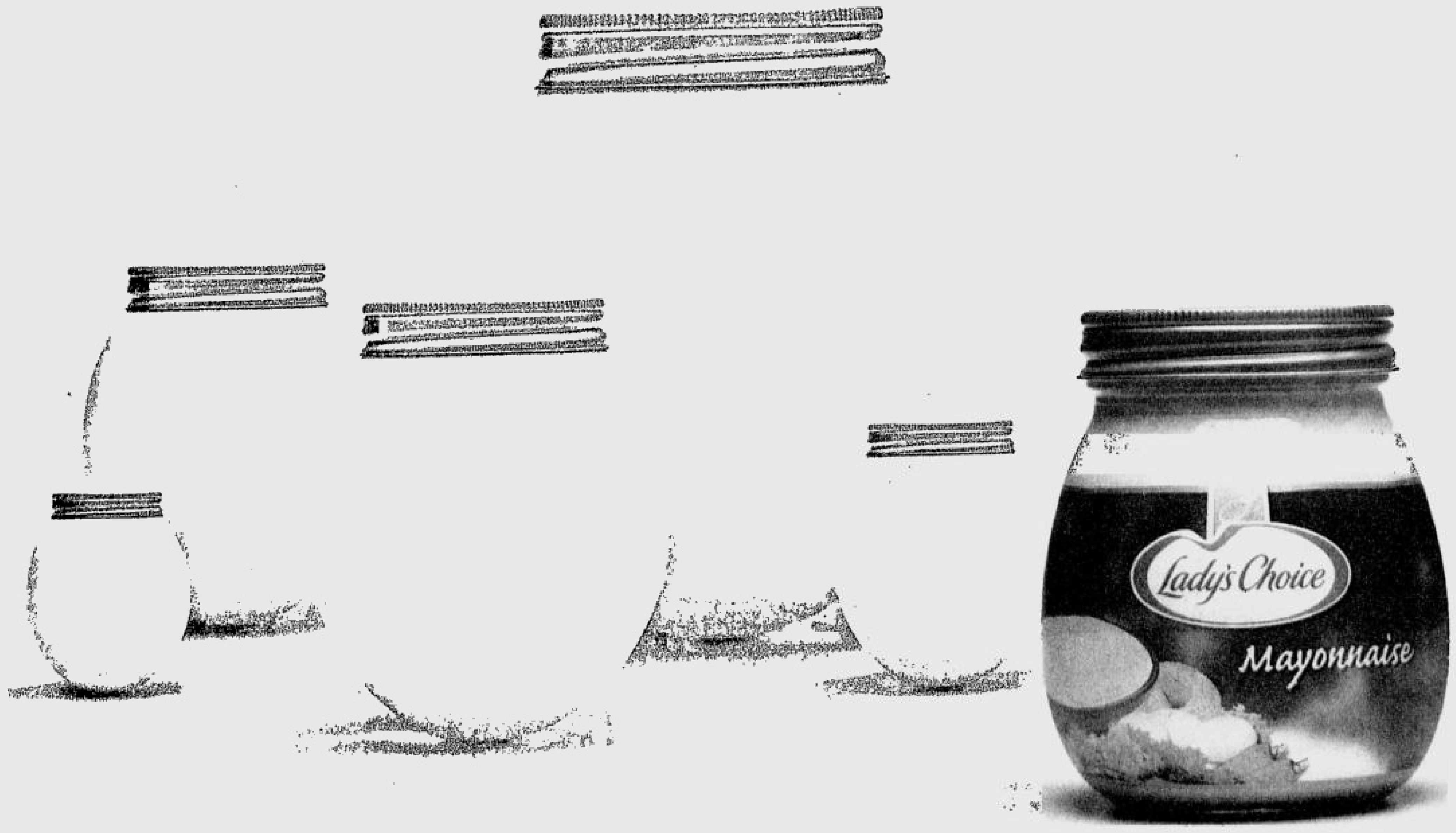
For inspiration, we went back to the basics.



The new shape
of the Lady's Choice bottle.

WITH their fabulously dressed entourage

Friends for life

From page F1

They were officemates in a medium-sized bank. But, as each day passed, they grew closer and closer. Friendship soon turned to love.

Añonuevo and Calderon were married recently at the St. James the Great Parish Church.

Principal sponsors were Jimmy Ayala, Domy Añonuevo, Gig Gonzalez, Doy Bringas, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Francisco Licuanan, Teddy Panganiban, Nonong Contreras, Yoyie Ching, Ding Contreras, Josie Franco, Mercedita Nolledo, Nelia Chipeco, Emma Sabido, Olga Diaz, and Helen Valenzuela.

Dinner and a program followed at the Ayala Greenfield Clubhouse.

WITH their principal sponsors: (back row) Domy Añonuevo, Gig Gonzalez, Doy Bringas, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Francisco Licuanan, Teddy Panganiban, Nonong Contreras; (front row) Yoyie Ching, Ding Contreras, Josie Franco, Mercedita Nolledo, Nelia Chipeco, Emma Sabido, Olga Diaz and Helen Valenzuela

WITH THE BRIDE'S family

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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FEATURE

ACROSS
1 Lasso wielder's skill
7 See 42-Down
14 Some kind of a nut
20 Spain and Portugal
21 Dances with tutus
22 Loud lion
23 Fence post
24 Small New World primate
26 Pt. of E.T.D.
27 Deal with it
29 Suffix with block
30 Simple
31 Crustacean with long, slender legs
35 With 12-Down, Big Bird's home
37 La Toya, to Michael
40 Singer Tennille
41 Boob tube
43 Insect with striped wings
45 Hoagie
48 Really vex
50 Weapon
51 Toast topping
52 Rat-eating slitherer
56 Court divider
57 Stadium slope
58 '90s kids' shout
59 That, in Toledo
60 "From — shining ..."
62 Neither's partner
63 NAFTA member
64 — Aviv, Israel
66 Insect with a stinger-shaped reproductive organ
71 Ordinal suffix
72 Have for supper
75 Newspaper mogul Randolph
76 Singer Sayer
77 Amphibian with dark oval spots
80 Mr. Mineo
81 As well as
82 Little lie
83 Tally
85 "— Boot"
87 Bread choice
88 Comet rival
90 Take measures
92 Mammal with a trunklike proboscis
96 Lawn pest
97 Capote, to friends
98 Amu — (river to the Aral Sea)
99 Stain
100 Dangerous swimmer in shallow waters
103 Full of microbes
105 Disarray
109 C.P.A. hirer
110 Salon rinses
112 Bird with black-and-white barred plumage
115 HOMES part
116 "The Crying Game" star
118 1952 Olympics site
119 Palme -- (Cannes prize)
120 Big braying bird
126 Harm
128 Lift-off
129 Set aside
130 Idolized
131 Kitchen utensils
132 Nail filers
133 Heavy swords

DOWN
1 Most mellow
2 San Luis —, CA
3 Stuff in fruit jelly
4 Make mad
5 Female kin
6 Croc relative
7 Looks at
8 List of common queries, briefly
9 Fever source
10 Kazan of Hollywood
11 Geeks' cousins
12 See 35-Across
13 Suffix of languages
14 Military force
15 Less tight
16 A lot of
17 Mork's planet
18 Originally called
19 Desiccated
25 Part of NFL
28 Agt.'s share
32 LP, e.g.
33 Wise — owl
34 Greek letters
36 Married ladies, in Livorno
37 Sudden brightening near a sunspot
38 News bit
39 Boutique
42 With 7-Across, responds resentfully
44 Birdbrain
46 Mandolin kin
47 Rouse to action
49 Educate
52 Like Caligula
53 Rash speed
54 Gem State city NE of Pocatello
55 Without letup
61 "Piggy"
62 "— too shabby!"
65 Bicyclist's arm-straight-out signal
67 Big name in handbags
68 Aruba, e.g.
69 Tony winner Lotte
70 Alpine refrain
72 Light touch
73 Gijon gold
74 Eminent
78 Video display dot
79 Prison camp
84 Actress Rosie
86 Hog's home
88 Both: Prefix
89 Soup du -
90 Deity disbelievers
91 Steel beam lifters
93 Ignitable heap
94 Some vaudeville performers
95 Road rig
101 Recoiled
102 -- Abdul-Jabbar
104 Century divs.
106 Withstand
107 One who gets the point
108 Rips up
111 Just know
113 Pseudonym
114 "9 to 5" co-star
115 — out (barely manages)
117 Antiquing agent
120 Gab
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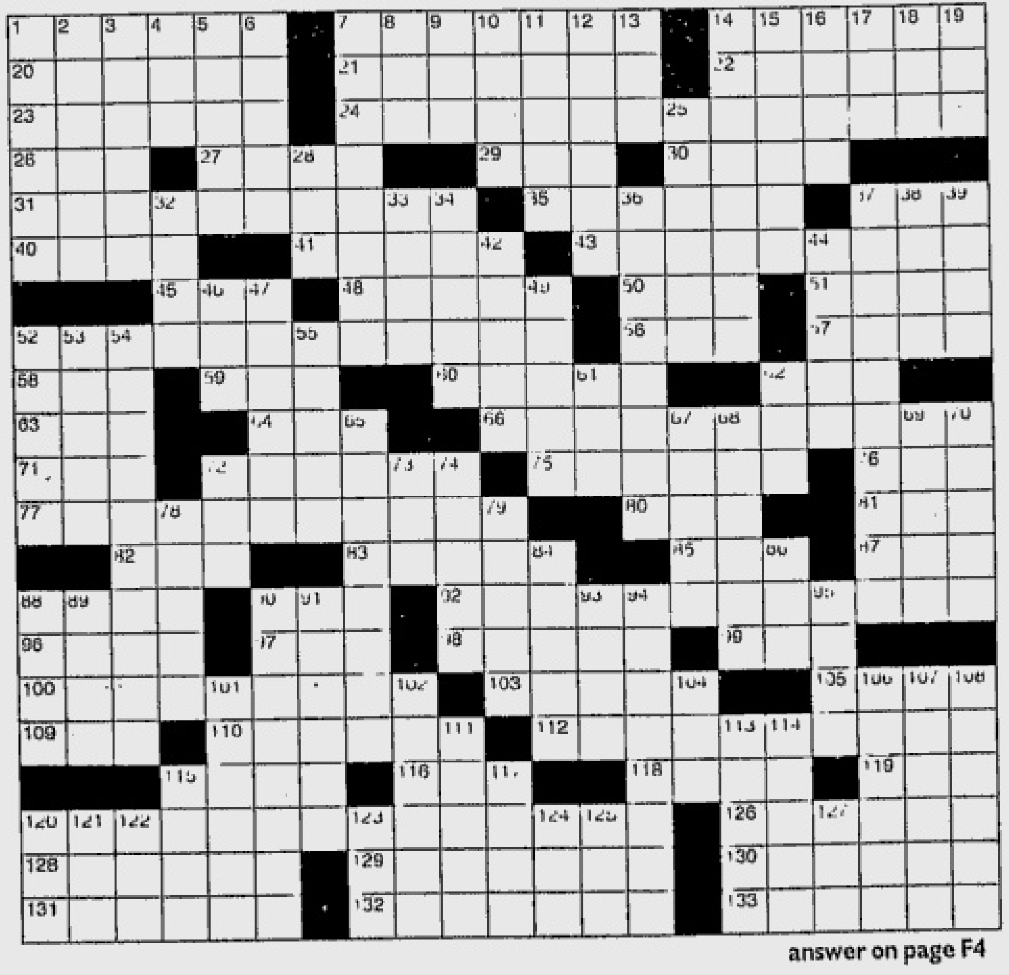

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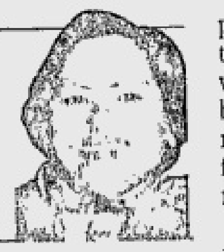
Catholic community holds fundraiser



PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

WHEN former fashion designer Robert Castañeda founded the God Loves Catholic Prayer Community 14 years ago, little did he know that he would be responsible for the spiritual formation of at least 60 active members.

Now the community needs its own house and lot for its regular Wednesday prayer meetings and Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS). The group currently meets for the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass at Tertiary House, 5th St., New Manila. Its last LSS was held at the RVM Retreat House.

I was there recently for the prayer meeting and saw Ding Mercado, who has opened a bakery, and Marie Pantoja, who prepared pasta for snacks. In her catering business, Marie rents the God Loves van. I truly felt the community spirit, the same feeling I had when I joined the LSS in 1996.

The group which attended the first LSS in 1991 at 54 Scout Santiago (the Bethesda Healing Center) was composed of Babot Oreta, Elaine Ong, Christy Aspiras, Eric Pe Benito, former Sen. Tessie Oreta (who named the group God Loves Catholic Prayer Community), Beth Romualdez, Jaina Perez, Marie Pantoja, Ram Antonio and Robert Castañeda, with Fr. Domie Guzman as spiritual director.

Today, the elders are Bro. Robert Castañeda, Sis. Filaine Tan, Bro. Ricky Berenguer and Bro. Jess Santos.

In a letter, Bro. Robert said: "Our community exists primarily for the worship of God [and] the joy of sharing the love of God with others. Given the social and political climate in our country today, we feel more than ever the need to nourish our spiritual growth..."

He said a new and spacious community house was needed for the group's growing needs and apostolate. Hence, a fund-raising event, a piano concert at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22, will be held at the Meralco Theater featuring Singaporean virtuoso Benjamin Boo.

Please make all checks payable to God Loves Catholic Prayer Community.

Call Yamaha School of Music at 8972338 or 8972342. Text Bro. Robert at 0917-5301213 or Marie at 0917-9041264.

Knight of the Immaculata

The Catholic Church celebrates today the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the "Knight of the Immaculata" because he founded the Militia of Mary Immaculate in Rome in 1917. The devotion is concentrated on Mary under her title Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. There is a daily prayer to her. The Miraculous Medal is worn every day, if possible.

The St. Maximilian Seminary run by the Franciscans Conventuals is at 22 John Paul St., Multi-National Village, Parañaque. The rector, Fr. Dennis Maria Vargas, can receive requests for concentration and imposition of the Miraculous Medal. Call 8260898.

Those nearer Novaliches, can call Fr. Stephen Maria Bejo, provincial custodian of the order in the Philippines, at 9387972 or text 0921-2762727. Militia Immaculata meetings are held at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month in the provincial house.

The first church in the Philippines dedicated to the saint was built in 2000 at Marytown Circle, Greenfields I, Novaliches, QC. The parish priest of St. Maximilian Kolbe is Fr. Leo Maria Estanislao, OFM Conventual. For schedule of Masses, call 9387972.

St. Maximilian is an inspiration for people wishing to undergo spiritual formation to be closer to God. Called "the saint of Auschwitz," he died a martyr in 1941 when he was injected with carbolic acid by a Nazi soldier after he declared he would take the place of a Jew who was set to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp during the war.

Help needed

Fr. Rembert Rivera, parish priest of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental, has set up the Fund for Kabankalan to help 58 seminarians, sons of farmers and fishermen, finish their studies.

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Pilgrimage

People from all over the world visit the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico especially on her feast day, Dec. 12. The icon of the Virgin in the altar of the basilica is seen by at least 20 million people every year. As arranged by Adam's Travel, devotees from Manila will visit the Virgin Oct. 16. Chaplain is Msgr. Jerome Reyes, parish priest of Binondo Church.

Call 5211651/1638 or text 0915-5514468.

Intercessor

When my brother Pompeyo Darang Jr. passed away at 1 a.m., July 31, his death ended two years of pain, including dialysis twice a week at the Asian Renal Center. His passing brought grief to me and my family, especially to my mother, but we had to accept God's will. A friend told me not to be sad because he was now "our intercessor in Heaven."

Fr. Polly Albano gave him the Last Sacraments at the Don Mariano Marcos Hospital in Batac. Fr. Leo Ruiz celebrated Mass the night before the funeral, which was on Aug. 5, after the 9 a.m. Mass said by Msgr. Jack Jose at the St. William Cathedral.

Many came to share our grief—Pompeyo's officemates at the Makati Regional Trial Court (Branch 137), his friends Philip and Jennifer Balingcos and their sisters. His best friend, Nixon Adolfo, arrived from Manila for the funeral. Court of Appeals Justice Santiago Ranada Jr. sent flowers.

His Laoag friends, Teddy Anama, Walter Aquino, Pepe Aguinaldo, Jacinto Pascua, Miguel Salvador and Rommel Tamayo also came. We were surprised at the number of people who came on buses of Maria de Leon and Autobus.

We were greatly comforted when Msgr. Jack encouraged us to concentrate on the resurrection, with Pompeyo praying for us. Please pray for the repose of the soul of my brother. Thank you.

BRO. Robert Castañeda with God Loves Catholic Prayer Community members Susan Limjoco, Tess Labadan, Marie Pantoja and Mylene Ong

Caloocan Church holds San Roque feast

AUG. 16 is the feast day of San Roque, the patron saint of the Diocese of Caloocan and the City of Caloocan.

For the feast, a play on the patron saint San Roque will be presented at the Cathedral. It is produced by Msgr. Ben A. Lechuga, written by Fr. Edd B. Lleva and directed by Pablo Fucio.

Mounting the production are the Holy Name Society led by Rosalie Lazarte and the San Roque Nursery led by Becky Victoria. Zircon A. Bilayon plays San Roque.

THE SURIYA SPA

This is to formally announce that all treatment vouchers and gift certificates will have to be returned and revalidated with new vouchers and certificates by the 30th of September 2005. All previously issued vouchers and certificates must be returned to The Suriya Spa at 3rd Floor, Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati. **Please note that no old treatment vouchers or gift certificates issued before the 30th of September will be honored or accepted at The Suriya Spa after that date.**

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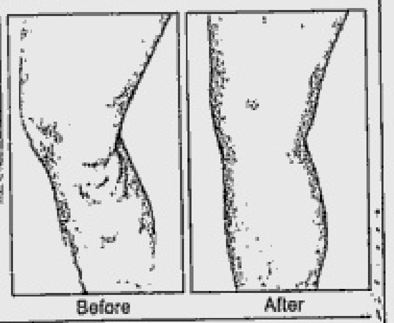

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ARELLANO-ARGANA

Dr. **Darwin Arellano**, son of Doctors **Crisostomo** and **Eulogia Arellano**, married recently Dr. **Marilyn Argana**, daughter of **Rolando** and **Marilou Argana**, at St. Peregrine Laziosi Church, Muntinlupa City. Reception was held at The Bellevue Manila, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang.

PAGCU-EMATA

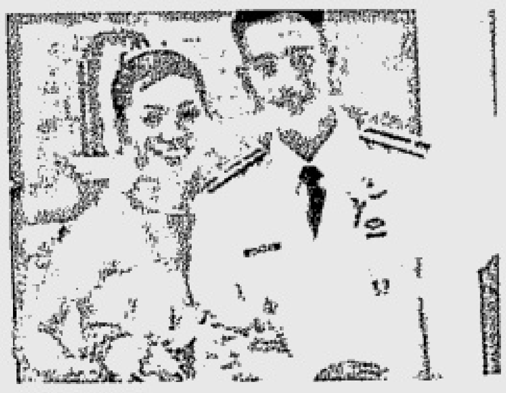
Rome Pagcu, son of **Victor Pagcu Sr.** (deceased) and the former **Amelita Dimla**, exchanged vows recently with **Floraine Emata**, daughter of **Eleuterio** and **Hermenegilda Emata**, at the St. Joseph the Worker Chapel, Pampanga. Reception was held at the Hilltop Restaurant of Mimosa Country Club.

CHUA-CARO

William Chua, son of **José** and **Sally Chua**, married recently **Rachel Caro**, daughter of **Letanio** and **Amelia Caro**, at the Mary Immaculate Church, Las Piñas.

TUBIG-CANTOS

Christian Romeo E. Tubig, son of **Romeo and Francisca Tubig**, exchanged vows recently with **Pinky June P. Cantos**, daughter of **Lope** and **Victoria Cantos**, at San Pedro Bautista Church, Candelaria, Quezon. Fr. **Danilo Manuel** officiated the Mass while **Ferdinand Castañeda** coordinated the wedding. A Hawaiian-themed reception was held at the Palaisdaan Restaurant in Tayabas, Quezon.



SERNA-NEBRES

2Lt. **Jaime Collado Serna Jr.**, son of 2Lt. **Jaime Serna Sr.** (retired) and the former **Adelina Collado**, married recently **Ernalyn Ducusin Nebres**, daughter of the late **Ernesto Nebres** and the former **Rhodora Ducusin**, in military rites at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig. The wedding Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. (Cpt.) **Stephen Penetrante** and Rev. Fr. **José Armando Cortez**, SDB. Reception followed at the Makati Park and Gardens, West Rembo, Makati.

ORTEGA-FELIPE

Jinon Ortega, son of **Michael** and **Marilou Ortega**, tied the knot recently with **Jeanette Felipe**, daughter of **Ananias** and **Luzbella Felipe**, at Saint John the Baptist Church, Kalibo, Aklan.

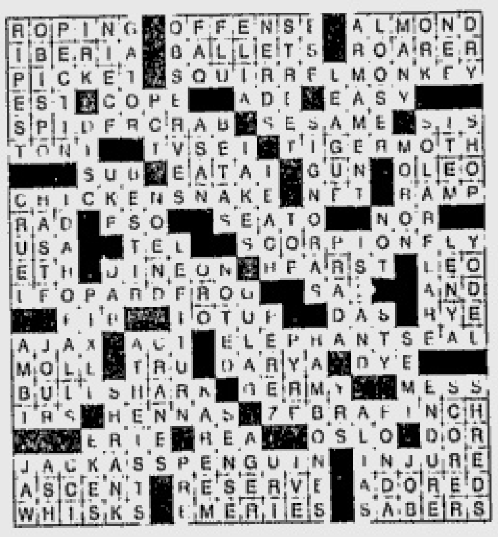
GUEVARRA-GARCIA

Joeffrey Butch L. Guevarra, son of councilor **Luisito** and **Amelia Guevarra**, will marry **Stela Marie T. Garcia**, daughter of **Romeo** and **Ma. Lewina Garcia**, on Aug. 20 at St. John Nepomucene Parish Church, Cabiao, Nueva Ecija.

CALDO-BRITO

Howell C. Caldo, son of **Emiliano** and **Presida Caldo**, will tie the knot with **Dandy G. Brito**, daughter of **Carlo Magno** (deceased) and Dr. **La Paz Brito**, on Aug. 20 at the Sto. Niño de Molino Parish Church, Imus, Cavite. Reception will be at Citta Italia Clubhouse, Imus. **Paul Rex Mateo** designed the bride's gown.

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



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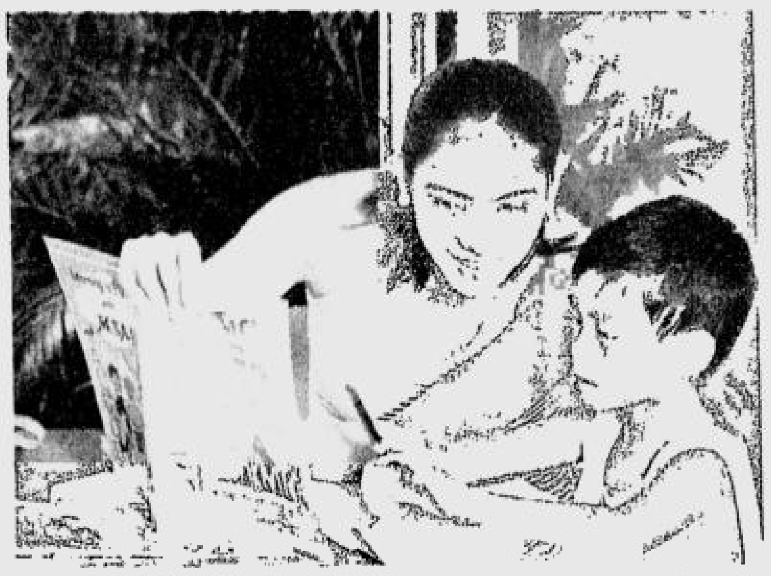
PATTY Betita, here with son Emilio, believes that education is priceless.

SUPERMODEL mom Annette Coronel with daughter Andrea who dreams of becoming a scientist someday



SUPERMODEL mom Patty helps son Emilio with his homework.

ANNETTE believes education is an investment for her children's future.

Model moms' reliable 'help'

ANNETTE Coronel and Patty Betita are model parents—literally.

Fashion model-turned-fashion director Coronel singlehandedly raises three children: Nathan, 20; Alex, 18; and Andrea, 9.

Betita's son Emilio is now in nursery.

Both moms are strong believers in the value of education, considering it a good investment for their children's future.

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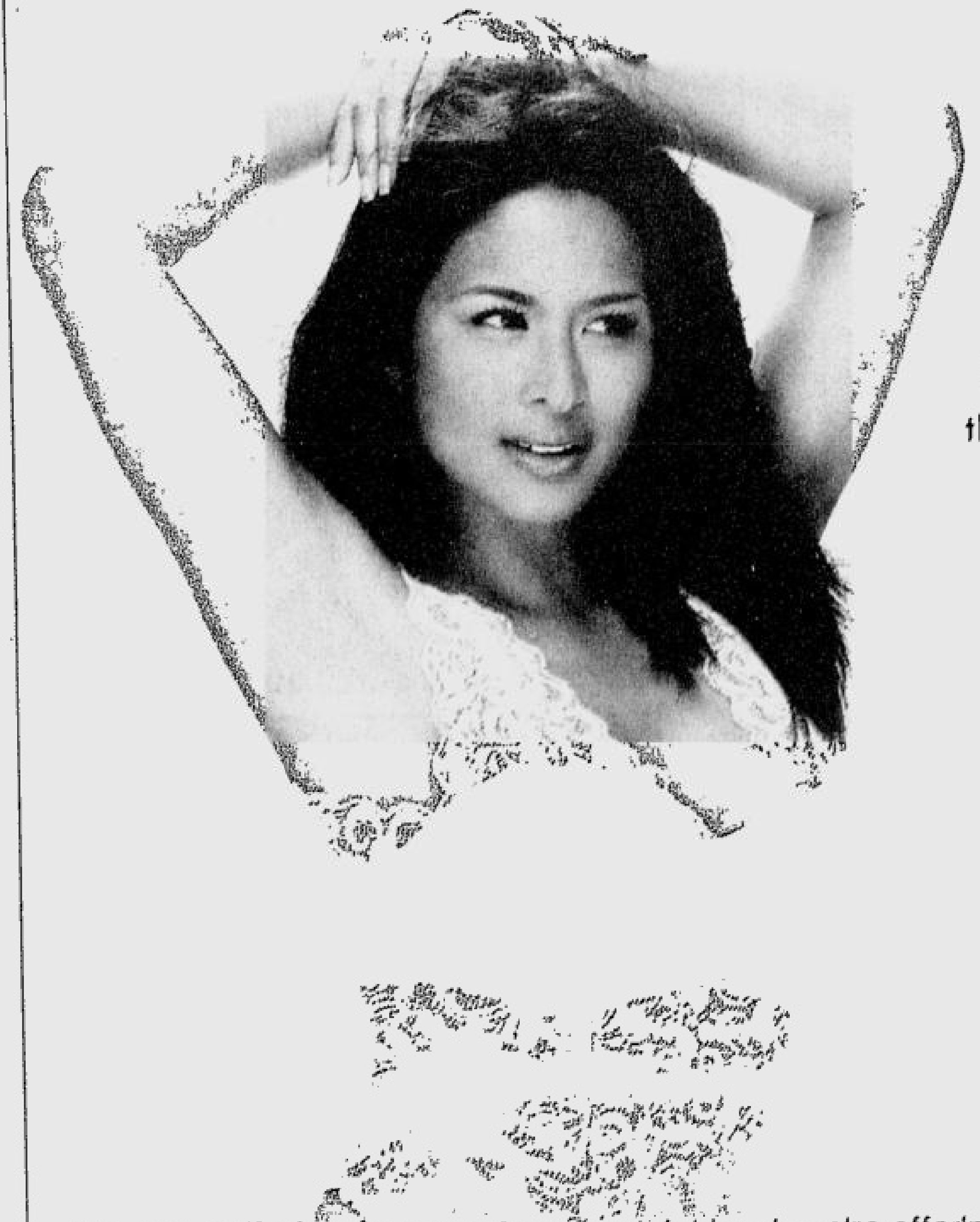

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Joyce Jimenez
Actress

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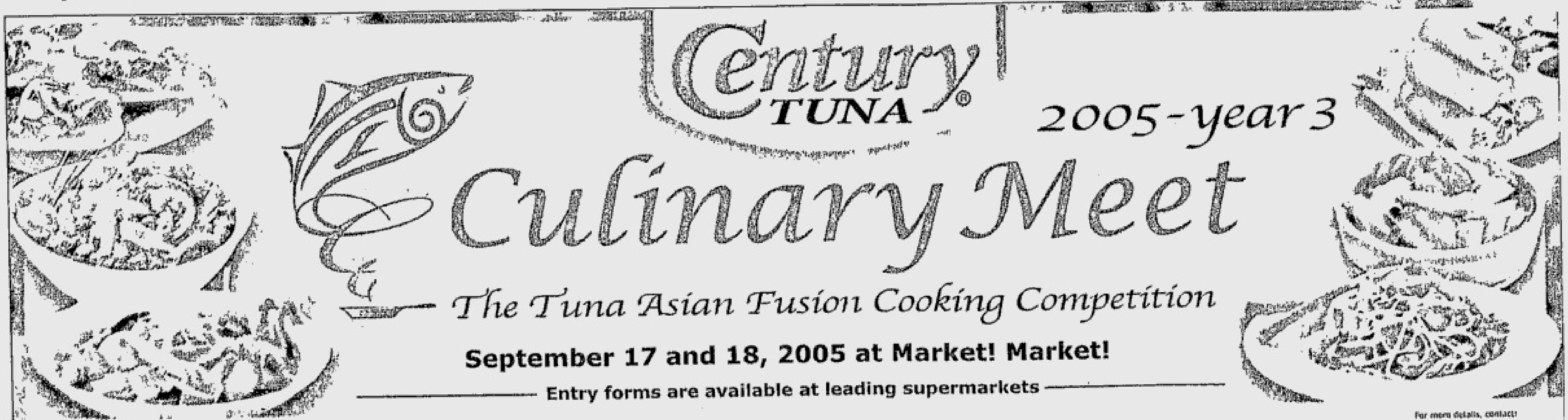

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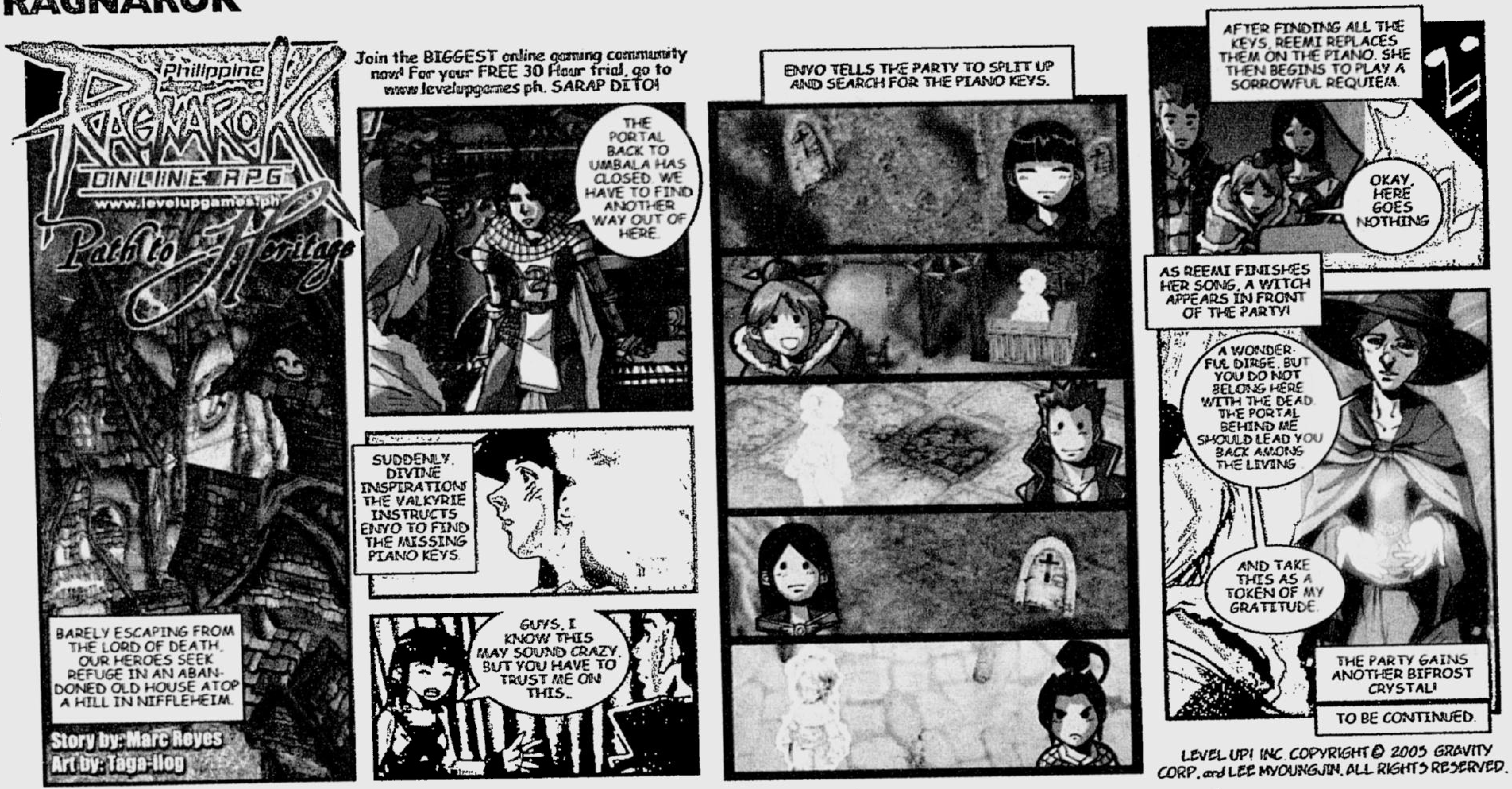
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GUYS, I KNOW THIS MAY SOUND CRAZY, BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS..
ENYO TELLS THE PARTY TO SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR THE PIANO KEYS.
AFTER FINDING ALL THE KEYS, REEMI REPLACES THEM ON THE PIANO. SHE THEN BEGINS TO PLAY A SORROWFUL REQUIEM.
OKAY, HERE GOES NOTHING
AS REEMI FINISHES HER SONG, A WITCH APPEARS IN FRONT OF THE PARTY!
A WONDERFUL DIRGE, BUT YOU DO NOT BELONG HERE WITH THE DEAD. THE PORTAL BEHIND ME SHOULD LEAD YOU BACK AMONG THE LIVING.
AND TAKE THIS AS A TOKEN OF MY GRATITUDE.
THE PARTY GAINS ANOTHER BIFROST CRYSTAL!
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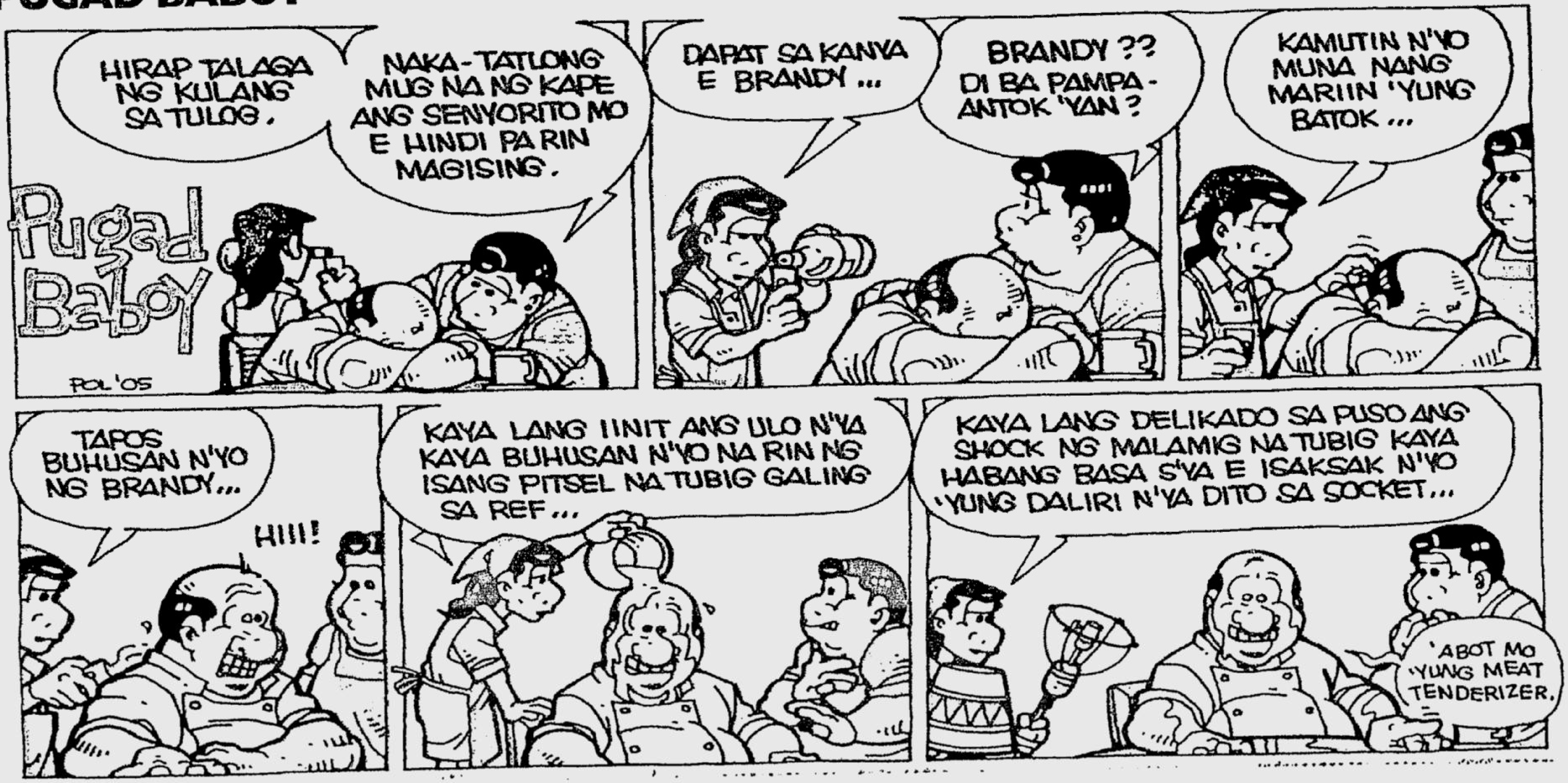
BY POL MEDINA JR.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Pugad Baboy
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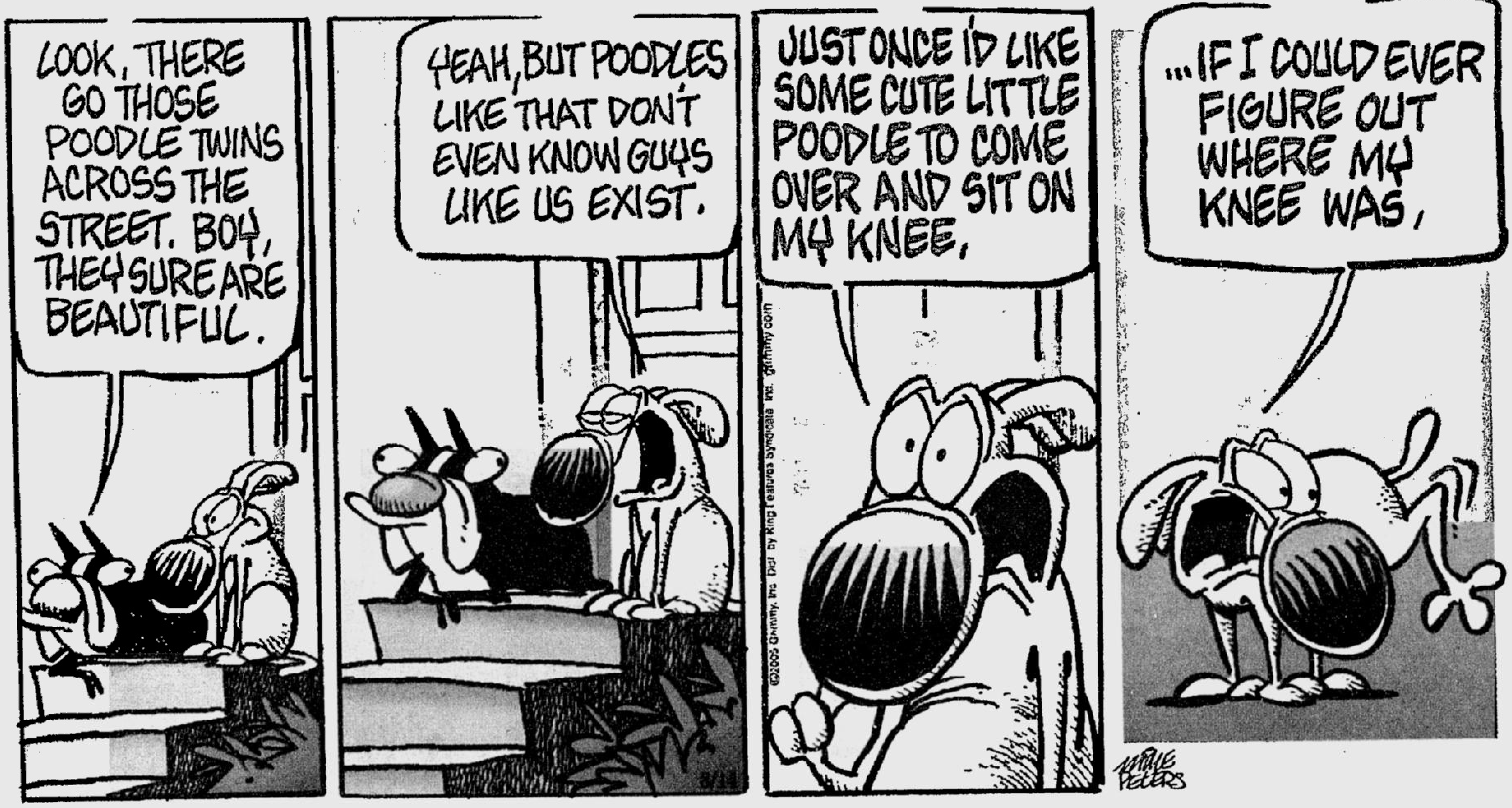
DAPAT SA KANYA E BRANDY...
BRANDY ?? DI BA PAMPA-ANTOK 'YAN ?
KAMUTIN N'YO MUNA NANG MARIIN 'YUNG BATOK...
TAPOS BUHUSAN N'YO NG BRANDY...
HIII!
KAYA LANG IINIT ANG ULO N'YA KAYA BUHUSAN N'YO NA RIN NG ISANG PITSEL NA TUBIG GALING SA REF...
KAYA LANG DELIKADO SA PUSO ANG SHOCK NG MALAMIG NA TUBIG KAYA HABANG BASA S'YA E ISAKSAK N'YO 'YUNG DALIRI N'YA DITO SA SOCKET...
'ABOT MO 'YUNG MEAT TENDERIZER.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


LOOK, THERE GO THOSE POODLE TWINS ACROSS THE STREET. BOY, THEY SURE ARE BEAUTIFUL.
YEAH, BUT POODLES LIKE THAT DON'T EVEN KNOW GUYS LIKE US EXIST.
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JUST ONCE I'D LIKE SOME CUTE LITTLE POODLE TO COME OVER AND SIT ON MY KNEE,
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...IF I COULD EVER FIGURE OUT WHERE MY KNEE WAS,
MIKE PETERS

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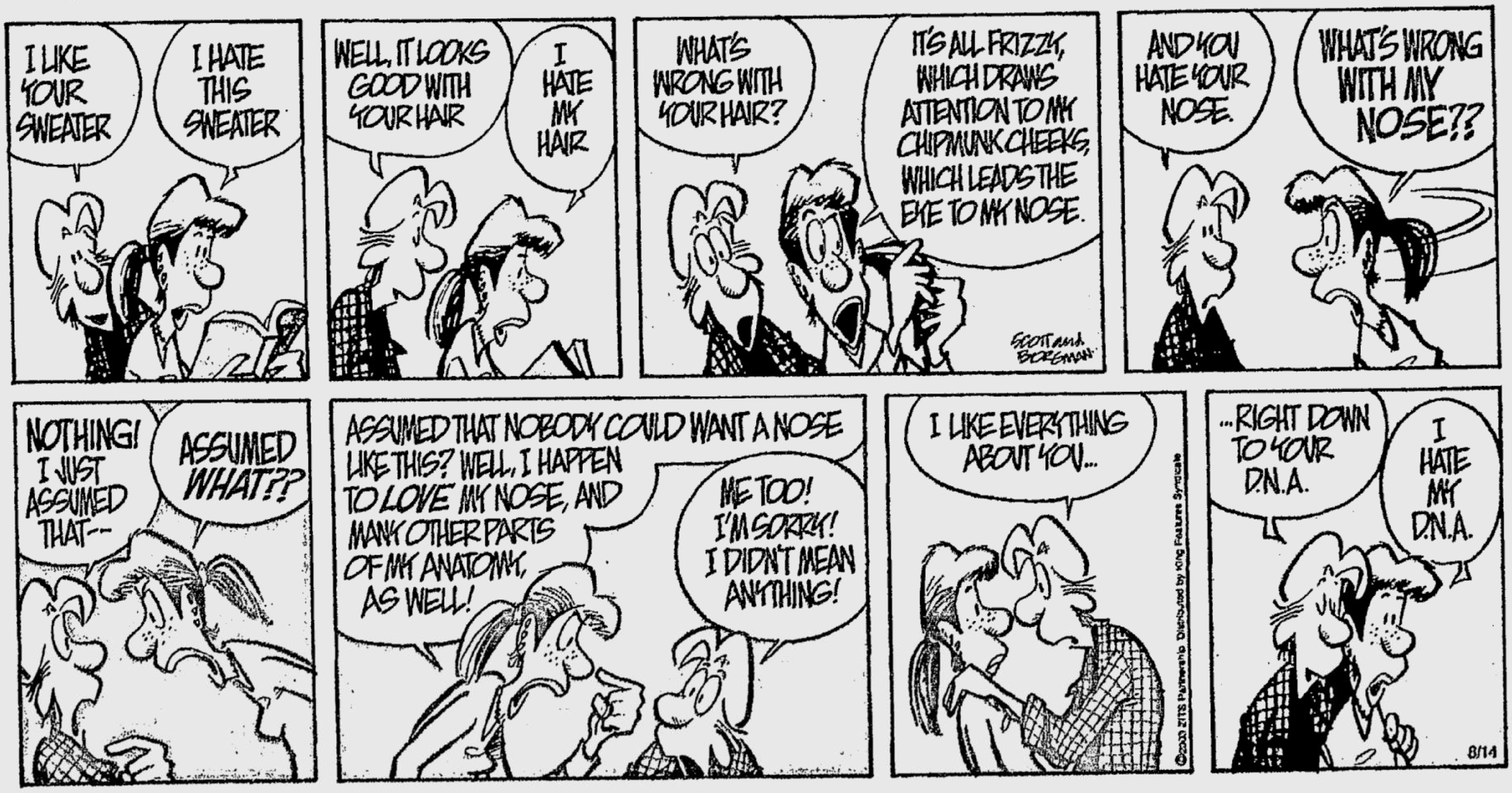
I LIKE YOUR SWEATER
I HATE THIS SWEATER
WELL, IT LOOKS GOOD WITH YOUR HAIR
I HATE MY HAIR
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR HAIR?
IT'S ALL FRIZZY, WHICH DRAWS ATTENTION TO MY CHIPMUNK CHEEKS, WHICH LEADS THE EYE TO MY NOSE.
SCOTT and BORGMAN
AND YOU HATE YOUR NOSE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY NOSE??
NOTHING! I JUST ASSUMED THAT--
ASSUMED WHAT??
ASSUMED THAT NOBODY COULD WANT A NOSE LIKE THIS? WELL, I HAPPEN TO LOVE MY NOSE, AND MANY OTHER PARTS OF MY ANATOMY, AS WELL!
ME TOO! I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING!
I LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU...
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...RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR D.N.A.
I HATE MY D.N.A.
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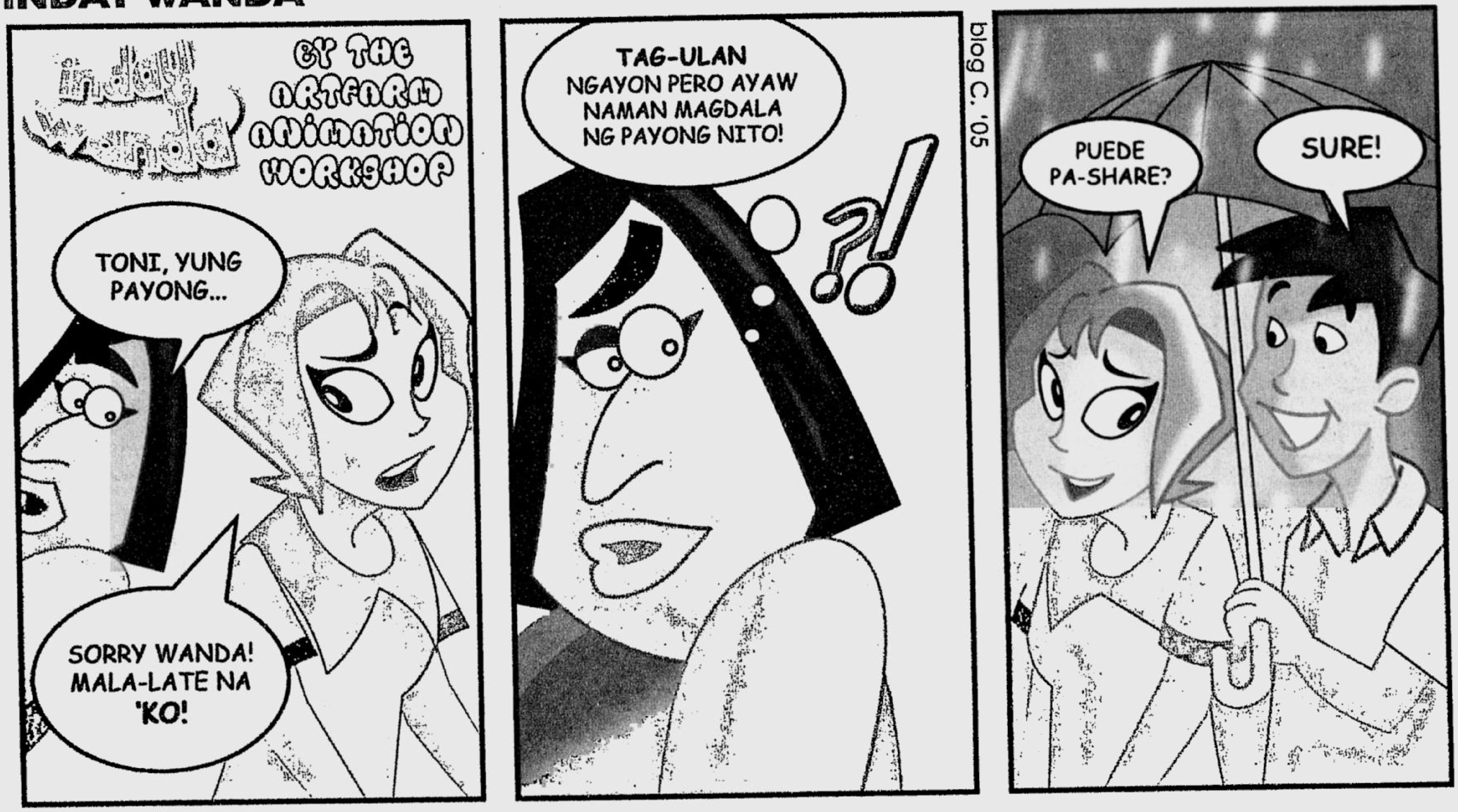
INDAY WANDA

BY BLOG CALIGUIA


Inday Wanda
BY THE ARTFORM ANIMATION WORKSHOP
TONI, YUNG PAYONG...
SORRY WANDA! MALA-LATE NA 'KO!
TAG-ULAN NGAYON PERO AYAW NAMAN MAGDALA NG PAYONG NITO!
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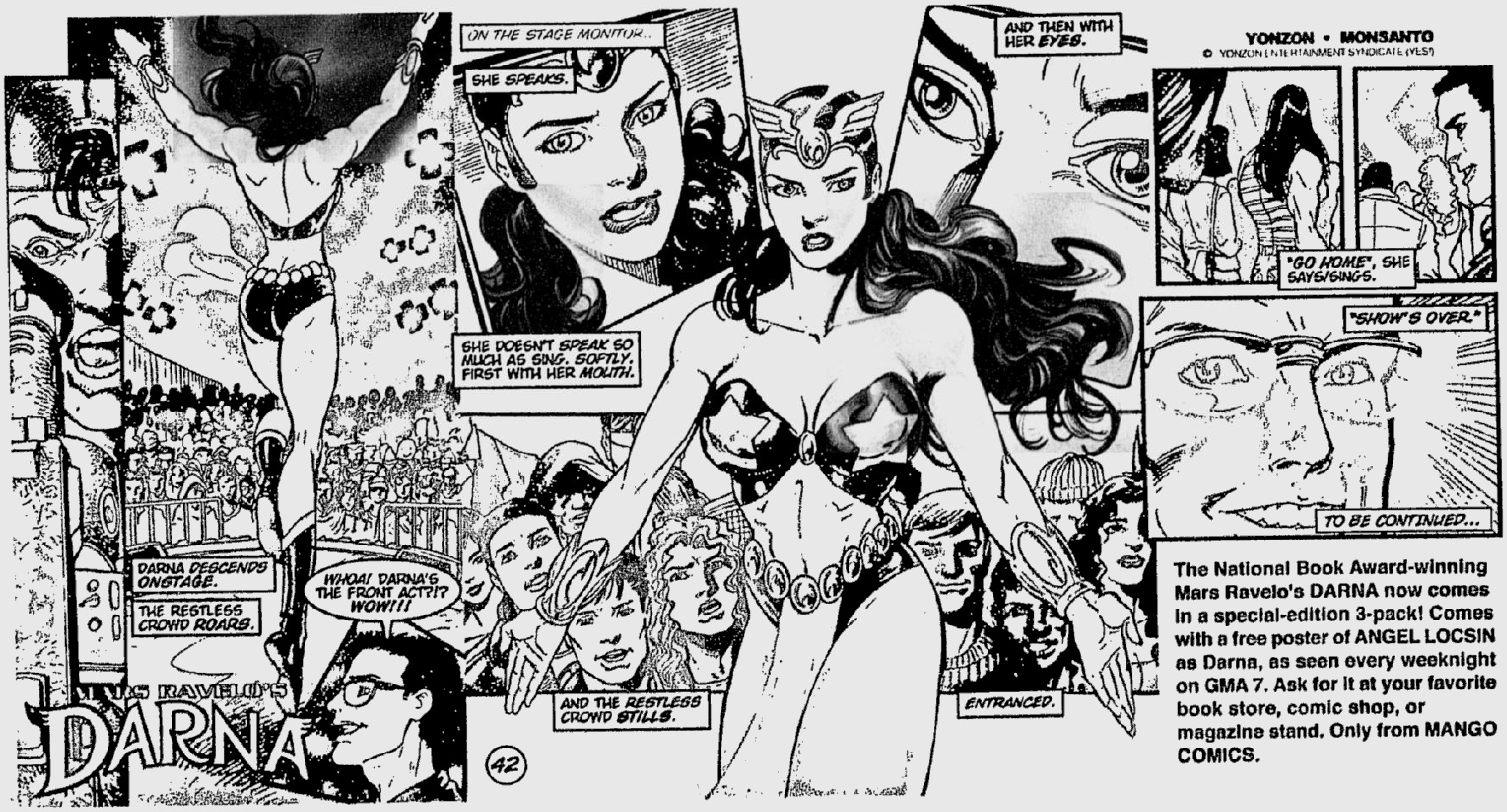
PUEDE PA-SHARE?
SURE!

DARNA

BY MANGO COMICS


DARNA DESCENDS ONSTAGE.
THE RESTLESS CROWD ROARS.
WHOA! DARNA'S THE FRONT ACT?!? WOW!!!
MARS RAVELO'S DARNA
42
AND THE RESTLESS CROWD STILLS.
ENTRANCED.
ON THE STAGE MONITOR..
SHE SPEAKS.
SHE DOESN'T SPEAK SO MUCH AS SING. SOFTLY. FIRST WITH HER MOUTH.
AND THEN WITH HER EYES.
"GO HOME", SHE SAYS/SINGS.
"SHOW'S OVER."
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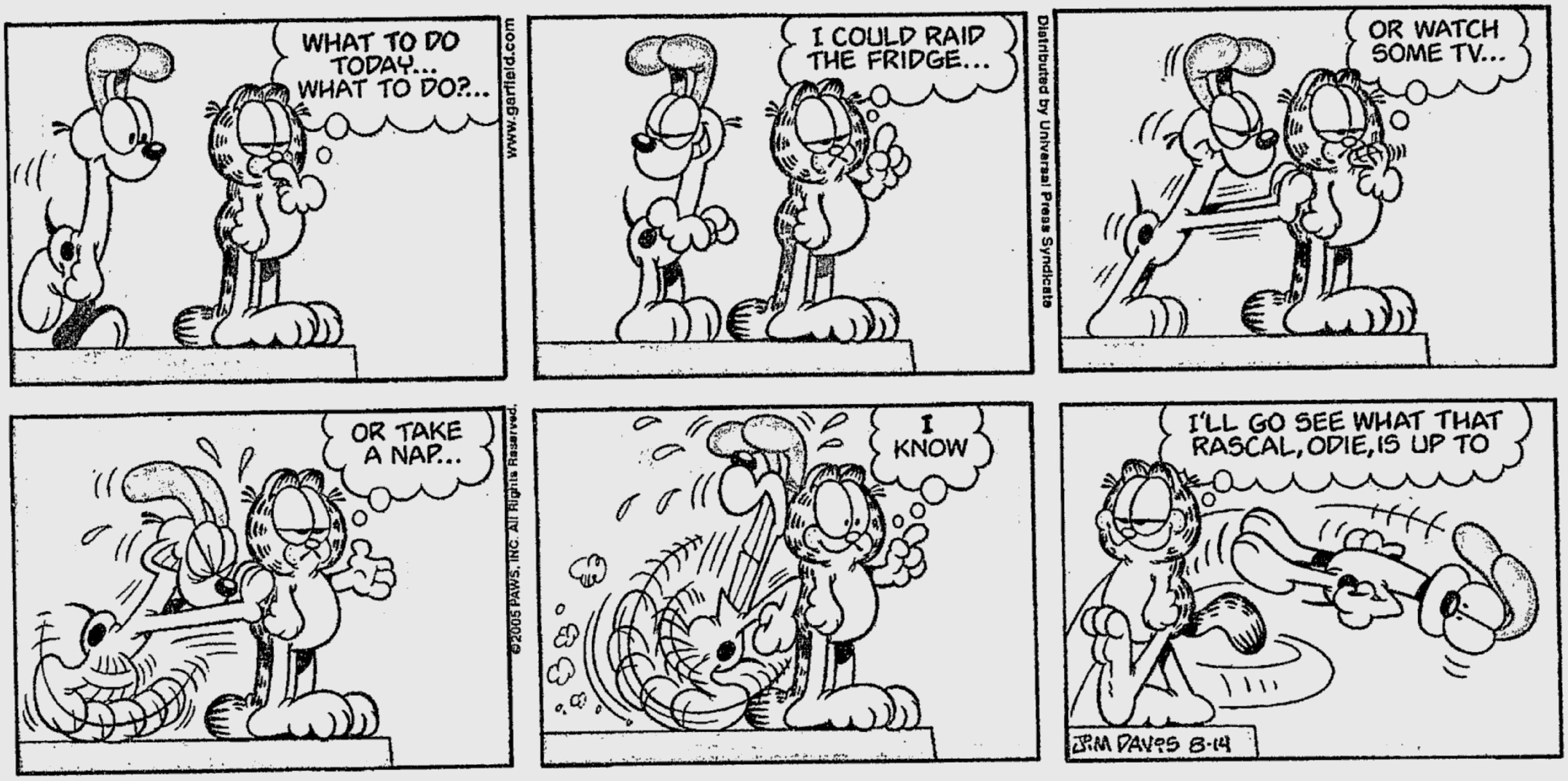
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I'LL GO SEE WHAT THAT RASCAL, ODIE, IS UP TO
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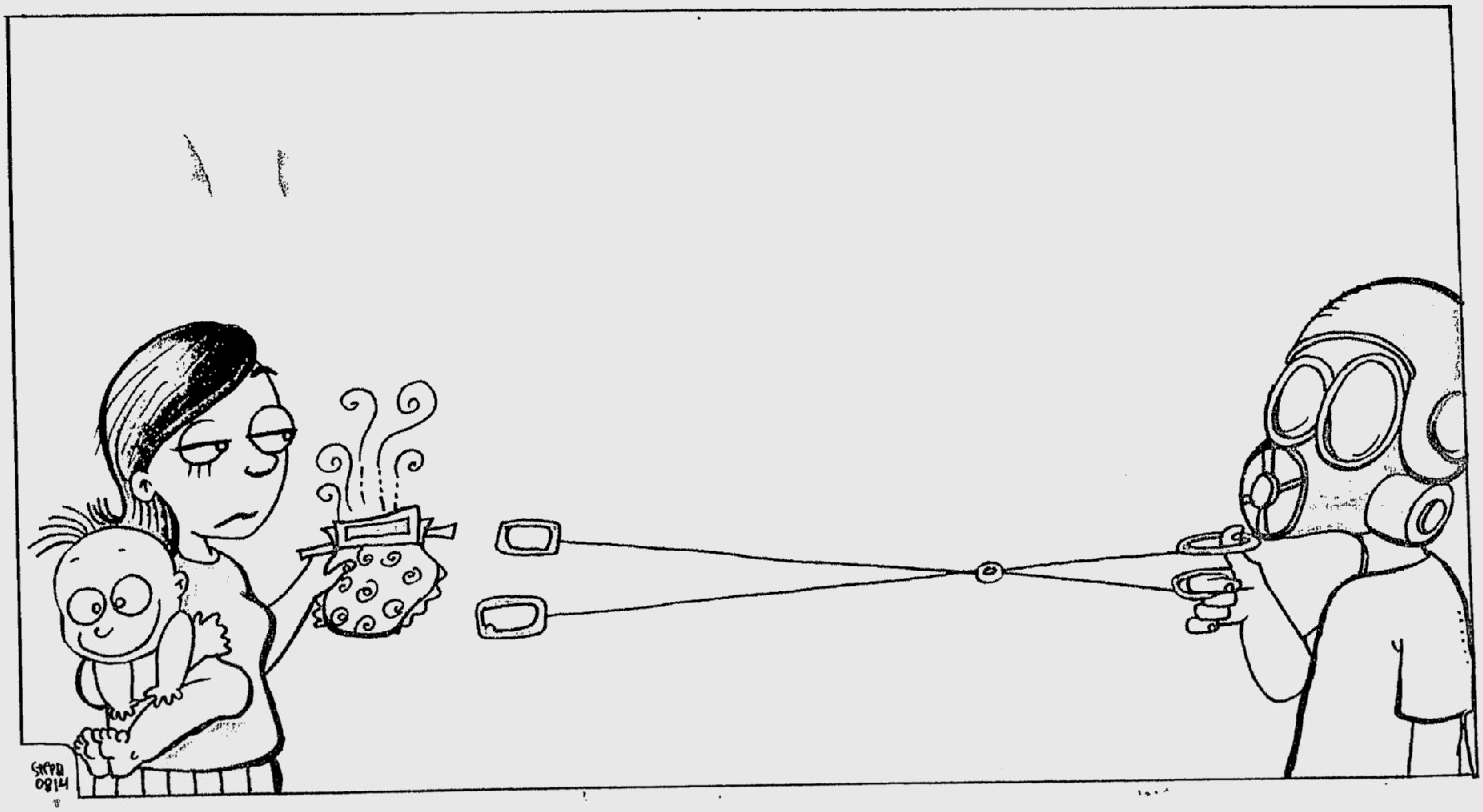
FULL HOUSE

BY STEPH BRAVO



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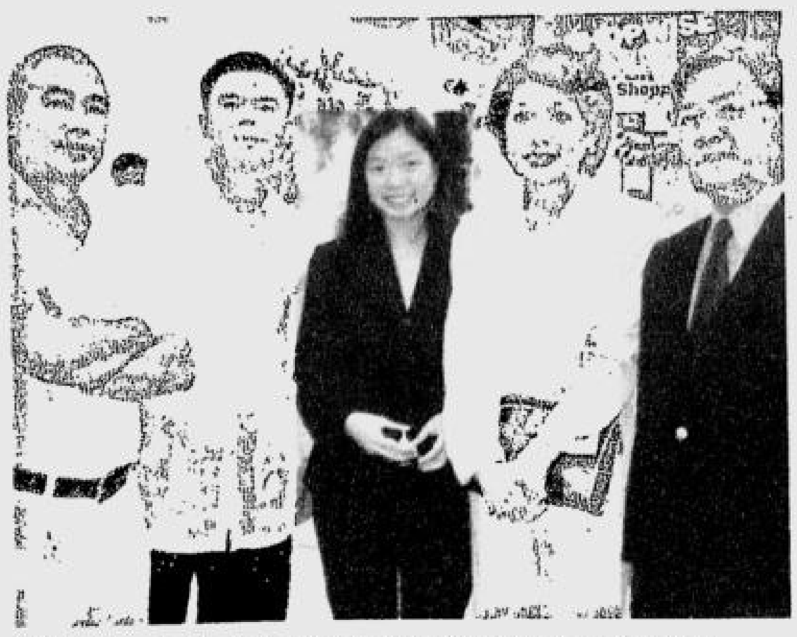
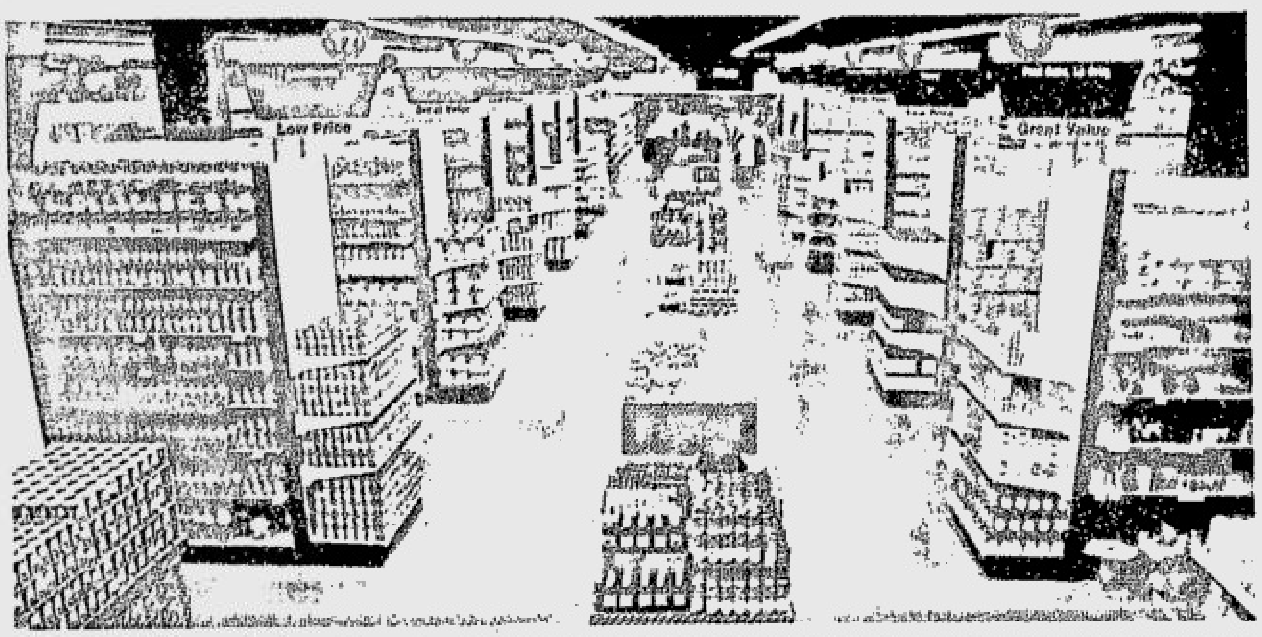


RALPH Joseph, Shopwise president Donnie Tantoco, Tiffany Qua, Judy Qua and Rommel Leuterio

BIENVENIDO Tantoco Jr.



SPACIOUS aisles make it easy for customers to move around and check out the grocery items available at the new Shopwise branch in Antipolo.

New hypermarket branch in Antipolo

RETAIL giant Shopwise Hypermarket recently opened its Antipolo branch, with popular sports personalities, celebrities and the country's top musicians converging in the venue to help celebrate the occasion.

The citizens of Antipolo came in full force despite the rains to participate in the entertaining activities Shopwise had in store for them. Mayor Joselito Gatlabayan and his wife Josefina graced the event and cut the ribbon, while the band U-Turn opened the day's program with several upbeat numbers to call in the crowd.

Antipolo shoppers availed themselves of great Shopwise promos and wiped out all items up for grabs as the catchy "Tayo na sa Shopwise" jingle livened up the already festive atmosphere.

More fun followed with an afternoon program held at the Shopwise parking area, which was hosted by DJ Harry of 88.3 and Dylan of NU 107. SMC All-Stars Vince Hizon, team manager Alvin Patrimonio, Chito Loyzaga, Joey Santamaria, Hector Calma and Bobby José came and played several wacky games that included the Magnolia Ice Cream Eating Contest, Aegis "Halik" Singing Contest and the San Miguel Beer Drinking Contest with lucky audience members. Everybody came out a winner, receiving SMC gift packs and shirts. The hypermarket also held its very own Bring Me contest where contestants won Shopwise gift certificates.

A branch blessing was also held a day prior to the Shopwise Antipolo opening with a Mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Renato C. Frias and assisted by Shopwise management and staff led by the company's president Donnie Tantoco. The blessing was an intimate affair, attended by employees as well as stockholders and suppliers.

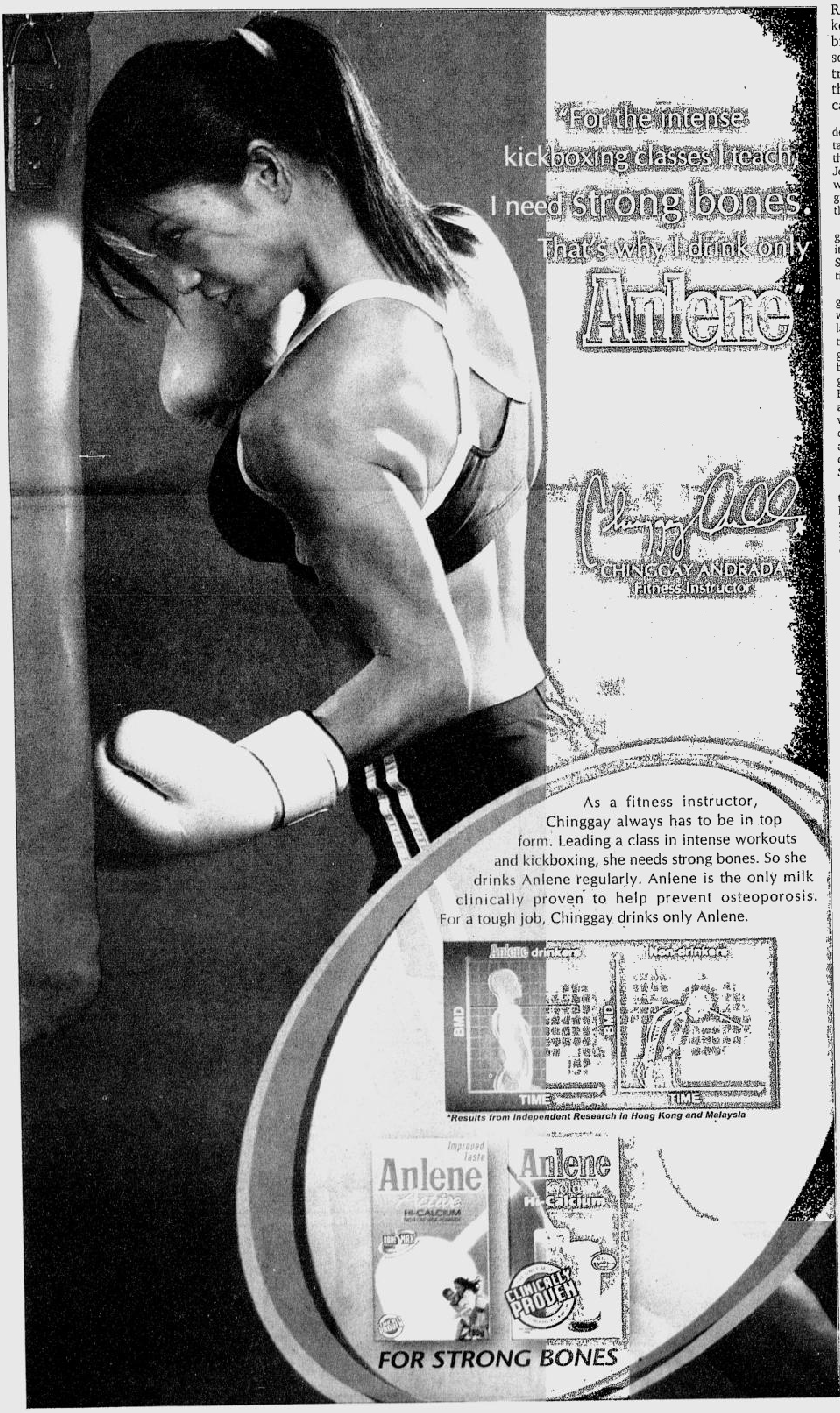
The Powerdance, dressed in store personnel attire, Shopwise's trademark yellow shirts and blue aprons, gave a lively dance number on the aisles and cashier counters to show off the organized, spacious, bright and colorful set-up of the store. Guests enjoyed a fiesta-themed lunch buffet filled with Filipino food and delicacies, including Antipolo's famed *suman*.

Shopwise Antipolo is located along the main thoroughfare of M.L. Quezon Avenue cor. Circumferential Road in Antipolo City.

Shopwise has branches at G/F Festival Supermall, Alabang; corner Pasong Tamo and Vito Cruz Sts., Makati; along E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Bagumbayan, Libis; corner General Aguinaldo and McArthur Avenues, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City; and Royal Duty Free Shop in Subic.

SISTERS Frances Yu and Crickette Yu-Tantoco inspect the goods at Shopwise Antipolo's Fresh section.

VIRGIE Aguillera, Vi D. Vargas and Marilen Valbuena



As a fitness instructor, Chinggay always has to be in top form. Leading a class in intense workouts and kickboxing, she needs strong bones. So she drinks Anlene regularly. Anlene is the only milk clinically proven to help prevent osteoporosis. For a tough job, Chinggay drinks only Anlene.

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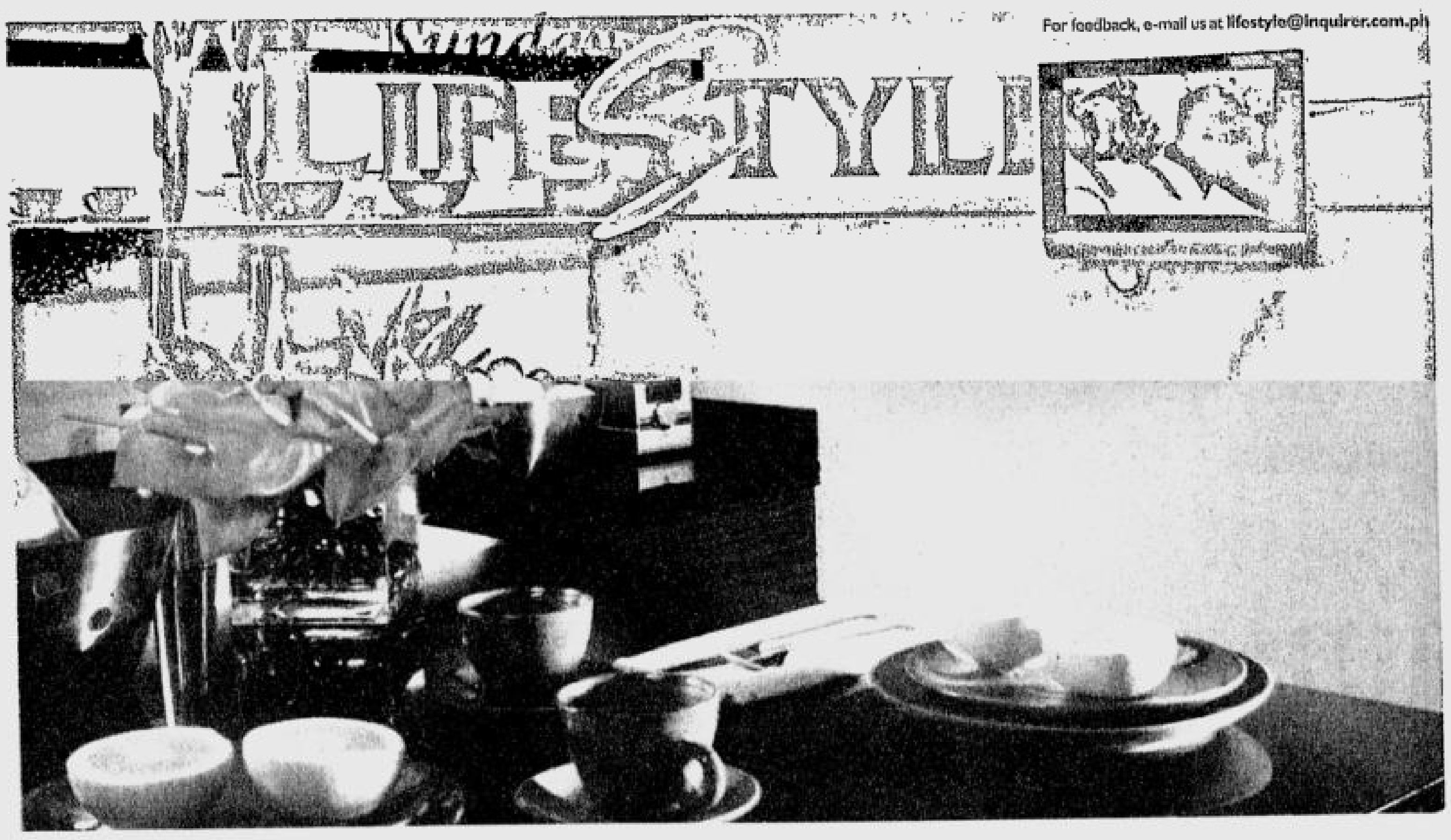

Showroom for an electronic lifestyle

NOTHING inspires a need for quality lifestyle more than a visit to JVC's new showroom at the JVC Business Center, 918 Arnaiz Ave., Makati City.

The showroom features the top tier of JVC's products in a relaxed setting that allows guests to see the items in action. It's a showcase for a lifestyle enhanced by the best electronic products available, a standard of living that is filled to the brim with top quality, reliable performance, and what JVC (Philippines) Inc. president and CEO Hideyuki Takato calls *waku waku*, the Japanese term for "excitement."

Says JVC general manager Kazue Salud: "We are showcasing the cream of the JVC lineup. We want customers to experience how far they can enjoy the latest innovations through our products."

Salud adds that JVC is known to have the best White Balance TV in the industry. "Audio is equally important, because Fil-

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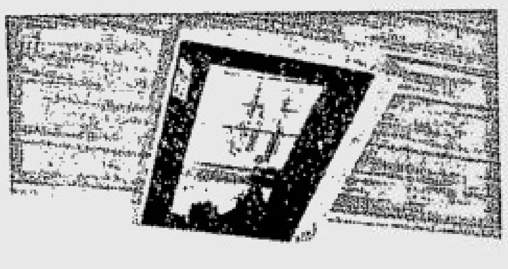

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NTC Issues Order to Cut Lines of Text Hoaxers

The public has been warned, and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) is stepping into the fray issuing even tougher guidelines to ensure that hapless text victims will be better informed and protected. SMART, the leading wireless telecommunications company, has implemented measures to ensure that the lines of text hoaxers will be cut.

Text Hoaxers Cut!

SMART will support its subscribers who are victims of text hoaxers by cutting the offending lines, upon the order of the NTC. If you receive a hoax text message, just show the message on your phone to the NTC's One Stop Public Assistance Center (OSPAC) or their respective offices listed below. Should the NTC be convinced that what you received was indeed a hoax text, they will issue a formal order directing SMART to cut the offending line.

SMART Winners on 7777

SMART, also a victim through misrepresentation, continues to combat text hoaxers in new and responsive ways. All SMART text notifications to promo winners were stopped as early as August 7 of this year. **SMART WILL NOTIFY ALL PROMO WINNERS THROUGH VOICE CALLS FROM 7777 AND THROUGH REGISTERED MAIL ONLY, NOT VIA TEXT MESSAGES FROM NOW ON.**

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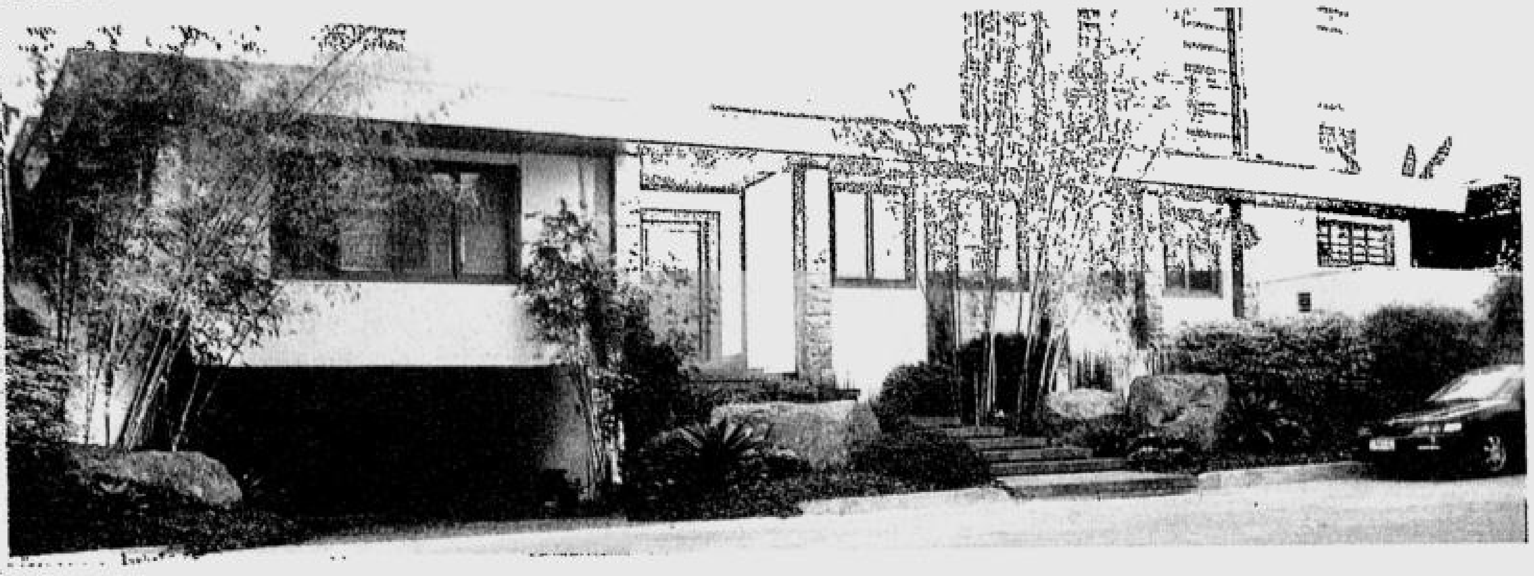
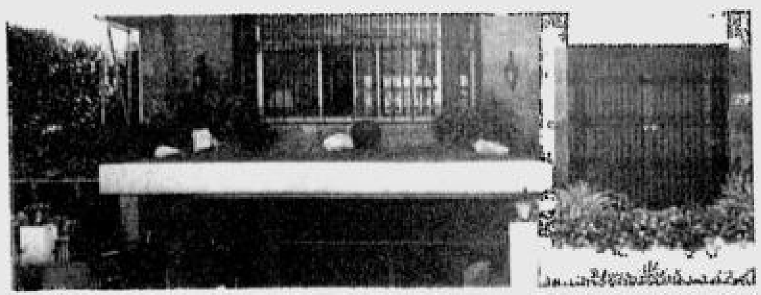
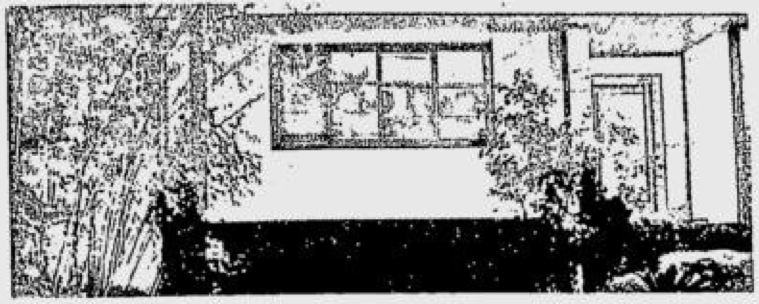




HOUSE with no gate gets a major makeover. Before-photo (above) shows window with iron grills and a hanging garden above the garage. By removing such elements, including dark adobe cladding, interior designer Pam Mendoza was able to impart it with a light and timeless feel.



Sleek, streamlined retirement home

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
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A couple chooses to live out their golden years in the old family place updated to stark simplicity and elementary homeliness

NOW that they're both retired, this couple has all the time in the world to travel. But instead of staying in fancy hotels and resorts here and abroad, they would rather spend most of their time in Metro Manila.

The pair (names withheld upon request) was vacationing in Bohol early this year when the wife realized what they were missing. Despite the province's scenic attractions, says the wife, she'd rather linger in her manicured garden back home.

"What were we doing in this place when we have a beautiful home?" she recalls asking herself. "I suddenly missed my garden with its lush bamboo trees and soothing koi ponds."

Their retirement home in one of the city's gated communities is the same house they once shared with their children. Now that their kids are all adults and have homes of their own, the partners can pretty much do as they please with their old place.

They did just that a little over a year ago when they hired the services of interior designer Pam Mendoza (tel. 7212423 or e-mail pmendoza@zpdee.net).

That's why the streamlined, split-level affair is a world away from the home their children grew up in. The floor plan is basically the same, but almost everything—from the heavy, adobe-clad walls that used to make up both the house's interior and exterior to the lush tropical garden—had to go.

In lieu of such features are smooth, off-white walls and a tidy garden that's more Zen than tropical. Iron grills gave way to huge picture windows that allow the outside in as well as enable the wife to take in the scenery from almost every vantage point. The same feature extends to several bathrooms with sheets of glass for walls.

"The bathrooms open out to secluded pocket gardens with enough ledges and decorative obstacles to either obscure the view or discourage people outside from wandering too far," says Mendoza. "My team made absolutely sure there are no *silip* (exposed) points."

Bulky built-in cabinets made way for sleeker walk-in closets that sometimes double as faux walls, while bathrooms were refurbished with more current materials. Covered in abaca wall paper, cabinets with no visible hinges and *tatami*-like ceramic tiles proved to be inspired choices.

Sleek Philippe Starck fixtures have become *de rigueur* where glazed tiles and bulky sinks and toilet bowls were once the norm. One of the bathroom's main attractions, however, is a one-of-a-kind sculptural sink made from a series of slate slabs designed by Mendoza. She matched it with a mirror framed with a series of ceramic tiles that echo the sink's material.

Mendoza had to replace the narra flooring with a new one, as the old planks had grown too thin from constant rubbing. She later advised the wife to keep most of her huge jars and various knickknacks in favor of artworks by Filipino painters.

Overhaul

"The house underwent a total overhaul," says the wife. "Not a few neighbors thought that we had sold the property to a younger couple. They were surprised to find out why and how we managed to embark on such a project at our age."

Like their children, the couple's friends were apprehensive about the project. They were partly right, says the wife, since their old "Filipino contemporary-style" house could still command attention.

At the same time, however, the couple felt that the house must be made over to reflect their current lifestyle as empty-nesters. Not only did the project compel them to make difficult decisions, it also required them to dig deep into their pockets. The wife kept mum on the total price tag.

"Whatever misgivings friends and family had soon gave way to praises when they saw the finished product," says the wife. "They couldn't believe their eyes at the transformation."

And to think the wife didn't have a clue where to begin. Everything slowly fell into place when she visited Mendoza at home to discuss the project. She loved what she saw and requested the interior designer to do something similar.

"There was really nothing wrong with the house except for the fact that it looked dated," says Mendoza. "It was a bit dark and heavy, which reflected prevailing trends when it was built."

It was a special project for Mendoza in many ways. For one, the wife turned out to be a good friend of an aunt. Despite the difference in their ages, a bond soon developed between the two women. It was also one of the few times a client gave her a virtual free hand to do whatever she wanted.

"She asked me to work on her house as if it were mine," she says. "At the same time, however, I had to be mindful of their lifestyle as well as sensibilities as a couple."

Special place

Even if the adobe cladding holds a special place in the couple's hearts, the dark element had to go. As a consolation to the couple's children, Mendoza didn't touch the adobe-clad columns, which now act as accents.

The interior designer, however, had to raise the house's ceiling by two feet to make some room for a bigger main door and a series of equally big picture windows. She also had to bring down certain division to open up spaces.

Like in most renovation work, one concern was bound to lead to another. That's why it's important, Mendoza says, to allot a considerable budget with ample allowances for unexpected expenses whenever you decide to have your house renovated.

During the project's concluding phase, for instance, Mendoza found herself convincing the wife to make the kitchen more linear and less cluttered for it to blend with the rest of the house.

It wasn't easy to push such an argument since the old, country-style kitchen with hump-back cabinets by V. Roque was still fairly new and serviceable. But postponing work on it then was bound to jack up the cost even more.

"Since the old kitchen totally stood out from the rest of the new house, I was pretty sure she would have it refurbished in the future," says Mendoza. "In the end, she saw my point and finally agreed."

In hindsight, the long wait, which required them to temporarily live in a condominium for almost a year during construction, and the hefty price tag seem of little consequence. The wife knew she did the right thing when she saw her husband beam with excitement when everything was over.

"It doesn't matter even if we live for just a short time in this house," says the octogenarian husband. "Everything that went into it was worth it."

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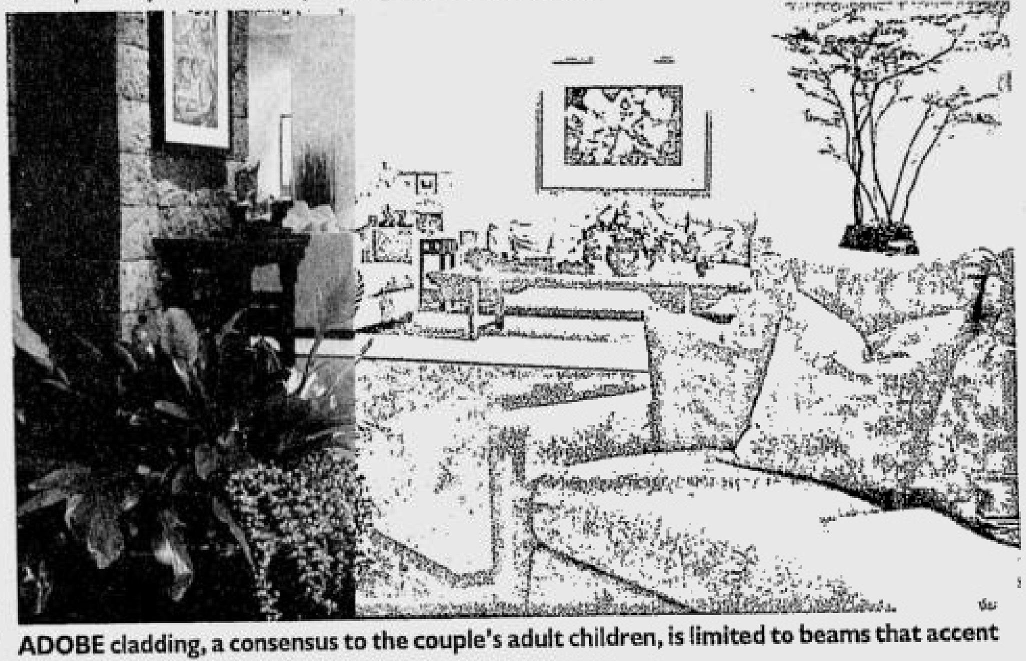
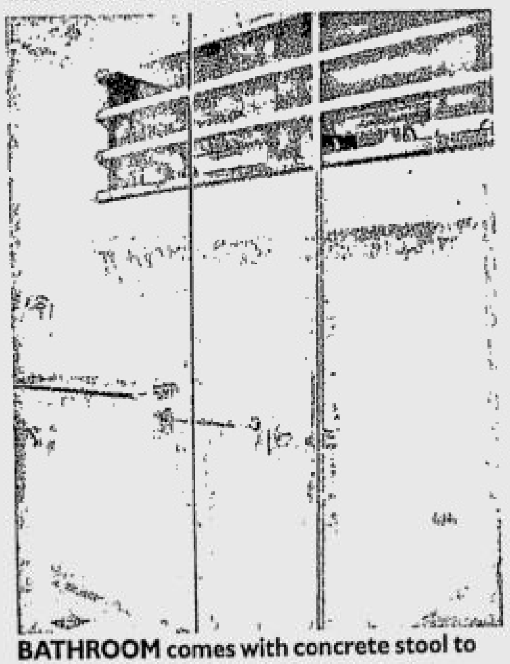
MAIN living room is warm and comfortable without being stuffy. Lady of the house kept some of her prized jars in favor of paintings by Filipino artists.



ADOBE cladding, a consensus to the couple's adult children, is limited to beams that accent the house's off-white walls.



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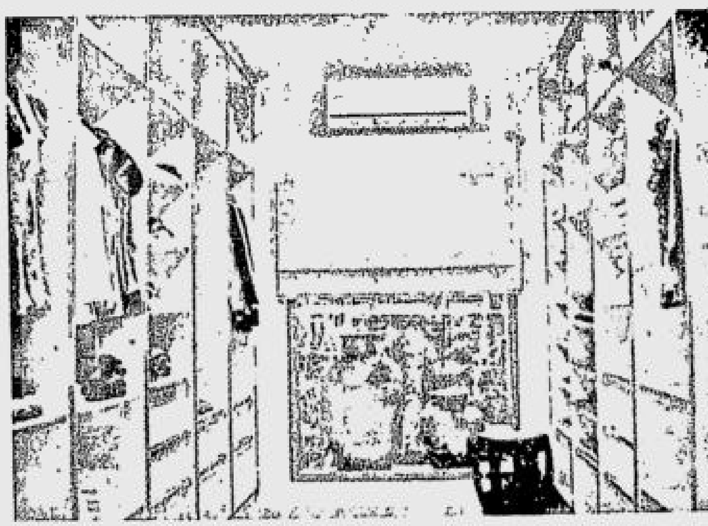
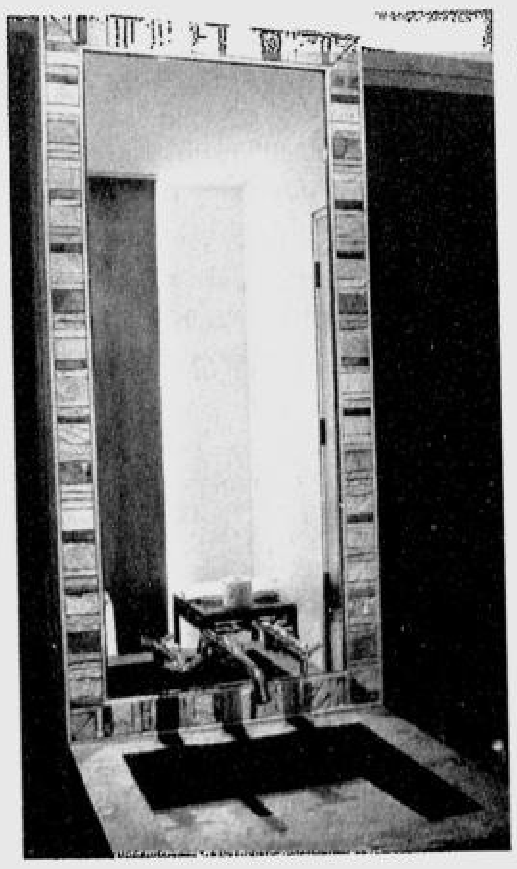


WALK-IN closet with outdoor ledge and view of the Zen garden



CUSTOM-BUILT slate sink matches one-of-a-kind ceramic-framed mirror in one of the couple's private bathrooms. Powder room (above) features fixtures by Philippe Starck.

FRAMED main door is taller and more impressive than the old one (inset). The ceiling also had to be raised by two feet to make room for the bigger door.

Love in the time of herpes

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

MY best friend has quite a problem. She asked me recently if I would want a guy with STD (sexually transmitted disease). I told her if I loved the guy, it wouldn't matter and I would still want him. I honestly believed what I told her. But was I right? I do not want her to make a mess of her life. What do you think about having a relationship with a guy who has STD, specifically herpes?

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There was a joke that went: "What's the difference between love and herpes?" Answer: "Herpes is forever." The way love comes and goes like a train in an MRT station, your friend better think twice, five times, and even a thousand times before going to bed with this guy.

Herpes is no joke and there are a myriad complications that go with it. There are no two ways about it—she will get it and she'll get a life sentence even after love has flown away—if ever. Isn't that tragic?

It's interesting that you say it's okay with you if your boyfriend has STD. If you absolutely know what herpes is and can still accept him regardless—I can only gasp at such devotion.

But, remember, it's not like your boyfriend is paraplegic or totally blind! Herpes is highly infectious. Depending on the type, it can manifest itself immediately all over your body like the fireworks on Independence Day. Or it can lie dormant for years without your knowing about it. And, once you have it, it's yours to keep. That's like playing Russian roulette all your life.

Unless you're Mother Teresa's clone and you got her forbearance for pain and suffering, I suggest you rethink your views on this one. You were possibly just being cute—thinking your belief will never be put to a test.

Yes, yes—love is something nobody can fully explain. Others are willing to die for it and many actually kill for it. But unless a guy is worth every atom in the herpes virus, you better think hard before approving something with such dire consequences.

By the way, if your friend asked you that supposedly hypothetical question *after* she'd gone to bed with the guy, what else is there to say?

"Take an aspirin and call me in the morning" will not cut it.

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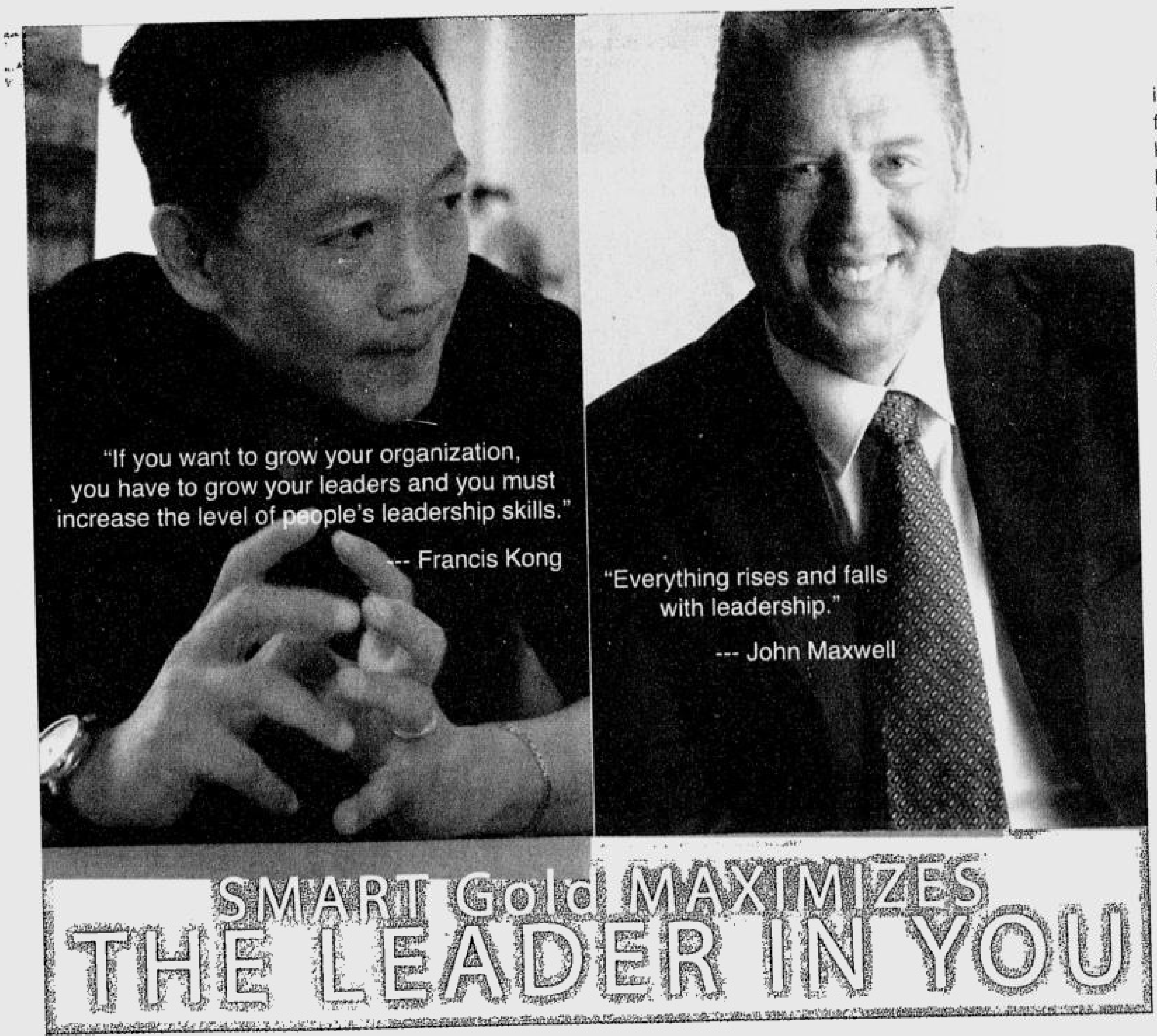
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Francis Kong in his element: lecturing and giving a motivational speech

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Showroom for an electronic lifestyle

From page H1

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THE height of indulgence is having the latest model television in this bathroom spa designed for the showroom by interior expert Eric Paras

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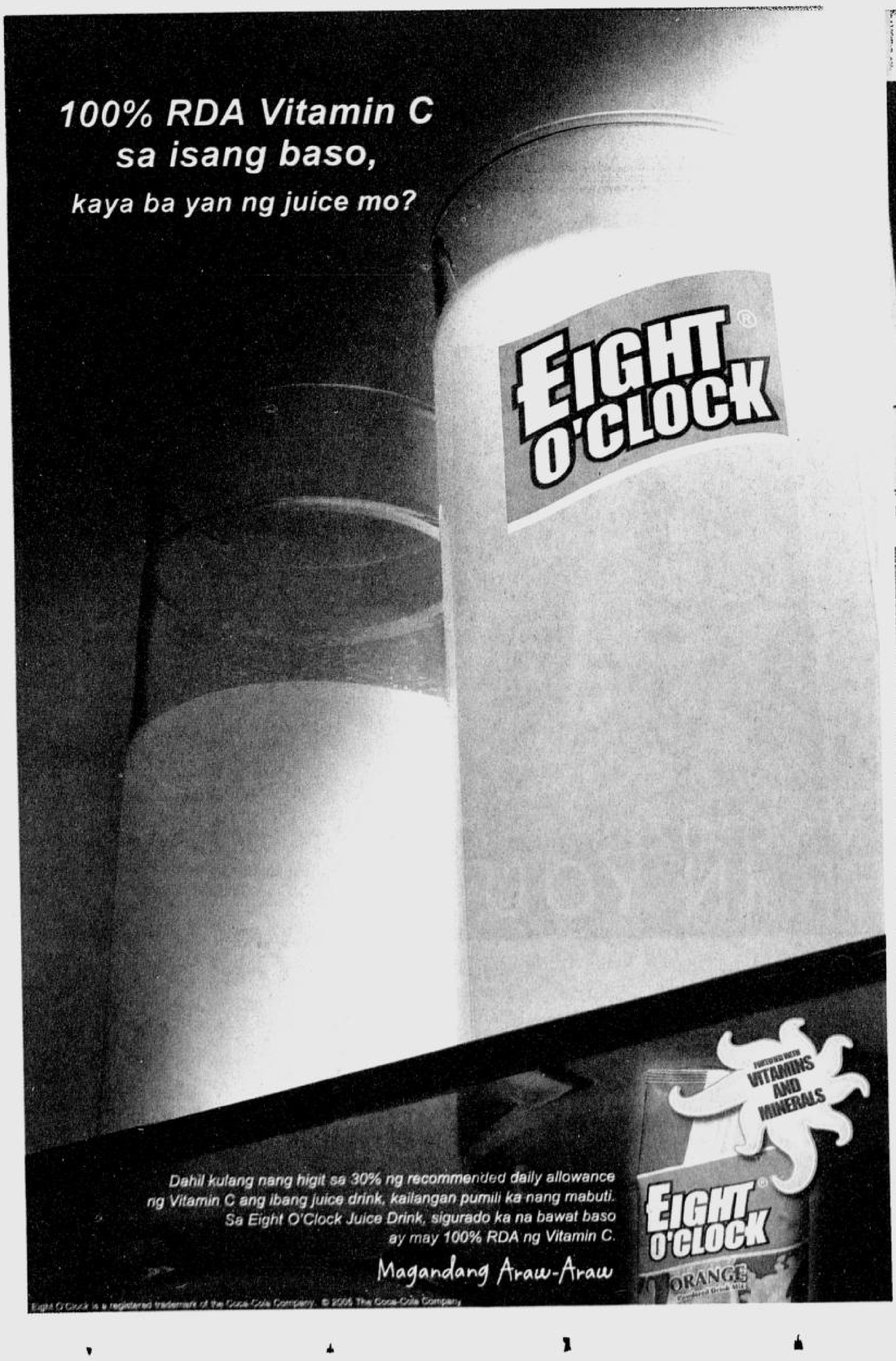
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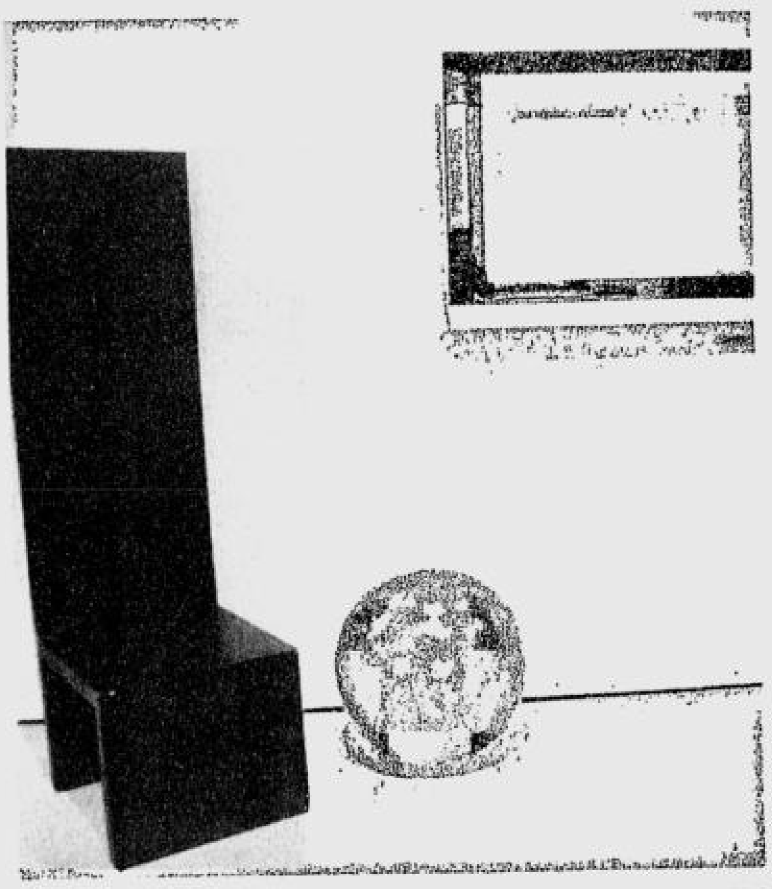

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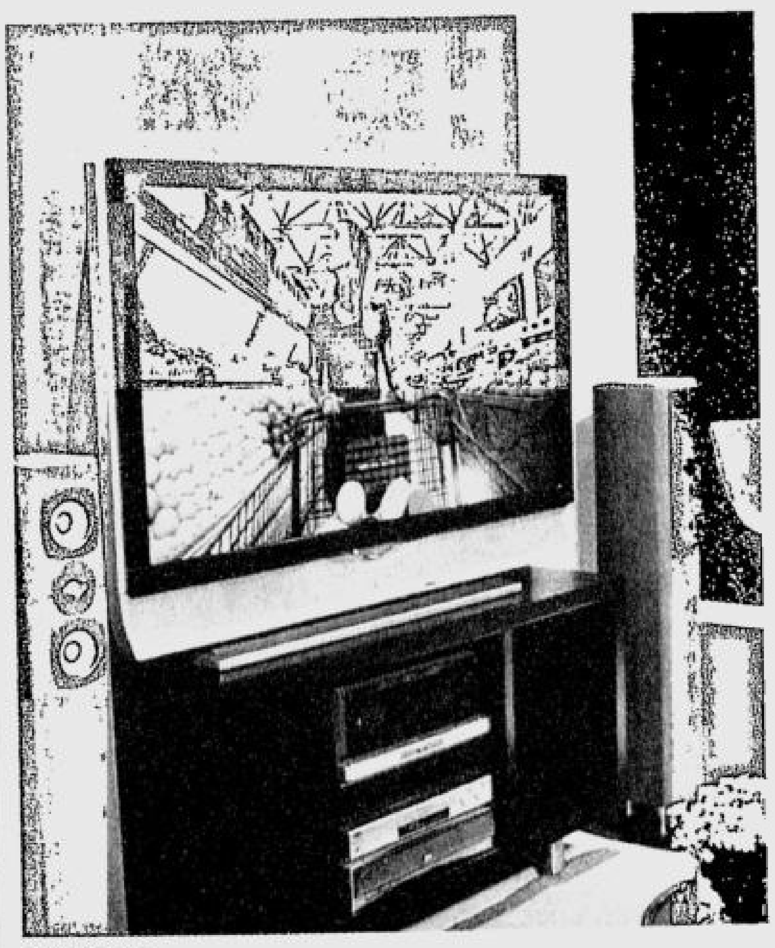

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OLGA Martel, Nelly Bengzon, Lydia Valero, Mellie Ablaza, celebrator Ben Farrales, Mila How, Helen Ong, Evie Costa, Mabel Abaño, Ofelia Trinidad and Baby de Jesus

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SEN. Jamby Madrigal, Agnes Huibonhua, hostess Fortune Ledesma, Howard Belton and Donnie Ramirez

A 'floating' birthday dinner for master of couture

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

FRIENDS of Mang **Ben Farrales** have come to expect in July one of those splendid dinners (with a cast of thousands) that the grand master of couture hosts to celebrate his birthday.

This year was no different with Mang Ben taking over one of the dining rooms of the floating Jumbo Restaurant docked beside the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

The celebration always starts with a Mass, this time officiated by Msgr. **Chito Bernardo**. In lieu of presents, guests were encouraged to donate to the Benjamin Farrales Foundation that sponsors scholarships to Slims School of Fashion Design.

Twelve of the foundation's scholars have graduated after two years of studies (one of them is now employed by Kamiseta). The scholarships, Mang Ben believes, are a way of giving back some of the many blessings he has received.

The floating restaurant (described by a guest as a Chinese Titanic) would, I think, make an excellent casino. It's totally beyond me why there are objections to this plan since casinos have been sprouting in almost every corner of Manila. This one is certainly much more elegant and the *lauriat* excellent even if far too generous.

However, Rep. **Teddy Locsin** was wondering if sanitation and hygiene regulations were being followed.

Dinner for Donnie

You've got to hand it to **Fortune Ledesma**, consul of Monaco. She can lay out a truly excellent buffet.

The great dinner in honor of **Donnie Ramirez** (the 10th or so to celebrate his birthday) consisted of Italian dishes on one side whipped up at home and, on the other side, Japanese delicacies. And, of course, there were Fortune's to-die-for pudding and chocolate cake.

Guests included chair **Howard Belton** of Unilever, whose latest toothpaste flavor is chocolate; Sen. **Jamby Madrigal** giving some update on the political situation in one corner; and **Baby A.**, presenting her assessment of the state of the nation, in the other.

Also present were consuls **Mellie Ablaza, Evie Costa, Agnes Huibonhoa**, and **Helen Ong**, as well as **Mariter Macapagal, Daisy Payumo, Yaying Dragon, Babbit Goudsmit, Lulu Tan Gan,** among others.

My discovery of the evening was the one-man band, saxophonist **Vince Lahorra,** who was truly fantastic if you liked your jazz nice and mellow.

Merienda fund-raiser

The ladies invited by Madame **Noriko Yamazaki**, wife of Japanese Ambassador **Ryuichiro Yamasaki**, to a mid-morning *merienda* were pleasantly surprised at the difference between Japanese food served in restaurants and that prepared at home.

Madame Yamazaki asked wives of Japanese officials to do some of the special dishes such as *okonomiyaki* (a kind of pancake) and *yakisoba* (noodles but very different from the usual) for the charity *merienda* to benefit Bahay Maria, a home for street children.

Present at the event were Bishop **Federico Escaler**, a trustee of the center; Sister **Carmela Borres**, who started Bahay Maria and is still its guiding spirit; as well as ladies from the diplomatic corps and various charitable organizations.

Madame Yamazaki thought getting the wives of Japanese embassy officials involved in this work was one way for them to come in contact with Filipinos and their world.

Tears?

Living beauty. Margie's reign continues in her work as champion of the women and people of her adopted Mindanao. Despite her well-earned acclaim and place in the nation's history, however, she is proudest of what she calls her 'mother's accomplishment' - two daughters excelling and making the most of the privilege of a good education. To Margie, raising smart, sensible and young Filipinas is her greatest legacy.

Setting another example, Margie has pledged to donate her eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Margie, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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FELICITY owners Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo with Swatch boss Virgie Ramos

POWERBOOKS family—Gabby Licauco, Socorro Ramos and Trina Alindogan

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SHAWN Yao, Jasmine Yu-Baños and Kaye Cunanan

NINANG Kris Aquino visits her godchild Athena.

GUESTS at Shang Mall Robert Lim and Felix Ang

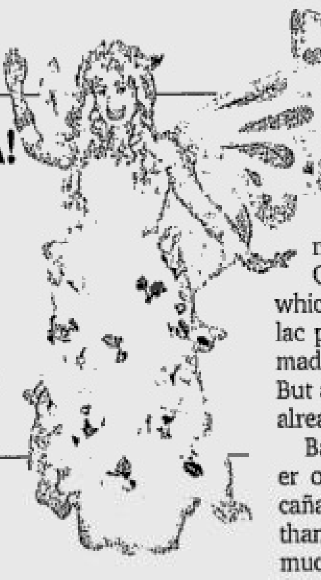
MAYTAG and Tempur owner Steven Sy and Urban Spa's Irene Ibañez

Breastfeeding my way back

Because I had been feeding my baby at 3 a.m., I was not able to attend Malacañang's celebration of World Breastfeeding Week

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes



AFTER COUNTLESS hours of deliberation on what to wear for an appointment with President GMA regarding World Breastfeeding Week, I decided on a pretty aqua-and-yellow ensemble by young and talented designer **Christine Go**. I figured I would match the blue color scheme that had been advised to Madam President as a lucky fashion color, thanks to her Marian devotion.

I was all excited as well for my baby **Athena**'s first "state" visit, so I made sure her outfit was coordinated with mine. But all these preparations were in vain because on the big day, I didn't get up on time! Still on full, baby-bonding mode with a killer 3 a.m. feeding, my "permanent jet lag" had worsened. I woke up in time to watch GMA's speech to the rest of the breastfeeding mothers on TV and knew I was too late.

Breastfeeding counselor **Nona Andaya-Castillo** extended the invitation to me while explaining the numerous benefits of mother's milk. I didn't even realize there is such a thing as an "international, board-certified, lactation consultant." The Breastfeeding Clinic (for free advice, call 0917-3686134) can even recommend masseuses to aid the flow of clogged breasts.

My dear cousin **Karla Delgado** advised me to take Mother's Milk tea from Healthy Options to help increase my milk supply, which I do together with a daily intake of Natalac pills, which I try not to overdose on! She made it to six months, which is my present goal. But after three months of nursing, every day is already a major achievement.

Baby Athena will just have to wait for another occasion to get her chance to visit Malacañang. But I guess it will be for reasons other than breastfeeding, as I don't really know how much longer I will last. Thanks to encouraging friends like **Jeena Lopez**, who is successfully nursing her twin baby girls, **Isis** and **Sabrina**, I am hanging in there. With only one, I should not complain and give Athena a good start, since she was conceived with a four-decade-old egg and sperm.

With the many gadgets out there for carrying

RACY designer Cecile Zamo
Van Straten with cute Maxin
Alindogan and models

JELLYBEAN Slings maker El
and Jenalyn Tan with baby K

Visine Refresh

Tears?

Evolving beauty. Gloria's looks and charm have long drawn the spotlights to her. Today, in what is perhaps one of the longest-running careers in show business, her staying power comes from an openness to step back and let the cameras focus on others as well. As she enjoys herself and lets others shine, Gloria glows more radiantly and is as beautiful as a woman can possibly be.

Stepping forward, Gloria has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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a Ampongan with baby Ryan
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GREAT mom Karla Delgado with pretty baby Uma

BREASTFEEDING counselor Nona Andaya-Castillo

babies, I discovered a sling called Jellybean Slings through **Jenalyn Tan**, a reader who e-mailed me (to order, call 0917-8433891). It is an ingenious, hands-free way of carrying your baby without straining the back. Inventive entrepreneur **Ella Ampongan** patterned the slings after those traditional native carriers but added style and practicality to it.

Book sale

One special offer not to miss is the PowerBooks' month-long sale. It recently opened a new branch in Shangri-La Plaza Mall with a unique fashion show from hip and avant-garde designers presenting creations using pages of books. Free-spirited **Cecile Zamora Van Straten** made sailor boat hats and playful **Mich Dulce** created paper fans. Bag designer **Amina Aranaz** made printed box handbags and accessories that went wonderfully with jeans and white T-shirts.

Hardworking National Bookstore grand dame **Socorro Ramos** and I cut the ribbon, together with her grandson **Gabby Licauco**, who is the very available GM of PowerBooks. Ms Ramos even gave me the scissors as a souvenir after we did our ceremonial duties. It is just so inspiring to be around Nanay Coring, who was recently voted Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year. She is a living legend in the book and school supplies industry. I have already arranged a future date for one of her great-grandsons with my baby Athena.

Tempur, Maytag, Felicity

That same week, Tempur and Maytag opened on the fifth floor of Shang Mall. I was all too excited about both stores because I have been a customer and now they are available locally. Using the Tempur pillows has drastically improved my sleep, providing maximum comfort to the neck area. It actually can relieve pain, stop snoring and resolve other sleep problems.

I honestly could be a sales agent for the Tempur mattress and pillows. I believe in the products so much. The breakthrough technology is made from a visco-elastic, temperature-sensitive material that molds to the exact contours of the body. I highly commend it to those with spine and back problems. Don't take my word for it; the store has a space cabin to check the comfort and benefits of its products.

Another shop to watch out for in the same mall is Felicity, the soon-to-open, lifestyle accessory place of Firma Makati designers **Chito Vijandre** and **Ricky Toledo**. They plan to carry all the little pleasures of the heart that will interest any high fashion, style-obsessive, urban chic shopper. With the collaborative design energies of these two, this new shop will surely bring new excitement to the mall.

Kiddie photo shop

Despite having a baby in tow, it seems like I have been touring the malls for a couple of weeks. I was the guest of honor at the opening of the new location of Picture Company at the Podium Mall. Transferring to a bigger area, this complete, kids' photo shop now has two larger studios and a bigger retail and waiting area. Metamorphosing from an almost-housewife to a booming, business entrepreneur, **Eileen Grey** has managed to build Picture Company into one of the top kiddie studios in the country.

With babies growing up so fast, capturing those perfect moments is worth immortalizing in print. They also have an extensive line of photo bags, night lamps, caps, T-shirts and a whole bunch of fun items. I am such a fanatic—Athena and I are there almost every week for a session with expert photographer **Melody de Jesus.**

At the fairy-themed opening, all the pretty staff had floral headgear and wings. Not to be outdone, I came in my **Rajo Laurel**, Belle-inspired gown with giant wings. I wore this same gown at Athena's baptism as that event also had an enchanted forest theme. It included a performance by Ballet Philippines that even made it more charming.

As I inch my way back into an active social schedule, I have had an awakening. My mission is to spread more good in my own little way. Our bodies have a tremendous capacity to nurture, heal and regenerate. If we can all focus that into positive energies, this will multiply and produce a more encouraging future for all Filipinos.

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Tears?

Beauty triumphant. With a colorful past marked with many stumbles and challenges, Melanie stands proud and even more beautiful today. Her feisty and impulsive self has finally found what she was looking for – a home with a husband who encourages her to grow and six children whom she adores, the Church and community that she dutifully serves. She is still the same Melanie, but now with great joy and true peace in her heart.

Blessed and grateful, Melanie has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Melanie, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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Viva Dolce Vita!

At the awards ceremony: (From left) Melanie Marquez, celebrity guest; Myla C. Gonzalez, AIGCCPPI Vice President for Marketing and Sales; Annie O. Umali, AIGCCCPI General Manager; Hon. Roberto Pagdanganan, Former Secretary of Department of Tourism/Agrarian Reform; Felix M. Lao Jr., Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards Institute, Inc. Chairman of Awards Committee.

DOLCE VITA IS CHOSEN AS MOST OUTSTANDING CREDIT CARD FOR WOMEN

"Work hard, play hard." It must have been a man who coined that phrase, because women definitely need something more. "Work hard, play better" sounds more like it—and there's only one credit card that allows us to do just that: Dolce Vita, the card tailor-made for the changing needs of working women everywhere. Much like an exclusive club with all the prime benefits and perks, Dolce Vita offers the best pampering treats and most fulfilling rewards around. The more you shop, the more benefits you get. Dolce Vita provides women all the convenience they need as well as all the chances to enjoy a good life. For Dolce Vita cardholders, life is sweet, indeed.

It's no wonder then, that Dolce Vita Card, AIG Credit Cards' three-year old entry into the fast-growing female market, is the card of choice.

And it isn't just the consumers who have taken notice. In fact, the prestigious Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards Institute, Inc., along with renowned business authorities of the Asian Institute of Marketing and Entrepreneurship and Sales and Marketing Magazine, recently hailed Dolce Vita as 2004's Most Outstanding Credit Card for Women.

The Best of the Best

"The award brings great honor to the company," says Annie Umali, AIG Credit Cards' Senior Vice President and General Manager. "To be recognized for delivering services beyond what is normally asked by our customers is very rewarding."

Perks are but a small portion of the award criteria. Garnering favorable votes from both consumers and marketing professionals, Dolce Vita Card emerged as the top choice for "Best Marketing Practices." Juries examined everything about the product -- from awareness to acceptability and goodwill, pricing to product quality and customer service.

"Congratulations to all the Philippine Marketing Excellence Awardees this year. You have visibly demonstrated best marketing practices that are over and beyond normal expectations, and worthy of praise and emulation." says Dr. Felix M. Lao Jr. Chairman, Awards Committee, Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards.

Working for the Working Mom

Dolce Vita is designed to serve the very epitome of superwoman-ness: the working mom. The pressures these women face – from raising a family to pursuing a career – are no less than incredible. Dolce Vita understands this, and provides ways for them to take a break and enjoy what life has to offer.

"Its very essence is to give the working mom every convenience possible. Apart from usual credit card features, Dolce Vita Card offers benefits that allow members to fulfill their various roles efficiently and responsibly," says Myla Gonzalez, AIG Credit Cards' Vice President for Marketing and Sales. "It has been barely three years since the launch of Dolce Vita, and we have already realized our vision for the product. Now, more than ever, we are inspired to continue our mission of empowering women and becoming their most reliable partner."

Dolce Vita now offers a host of perks and packages that cater to the multi-dimensional needs of today's women:

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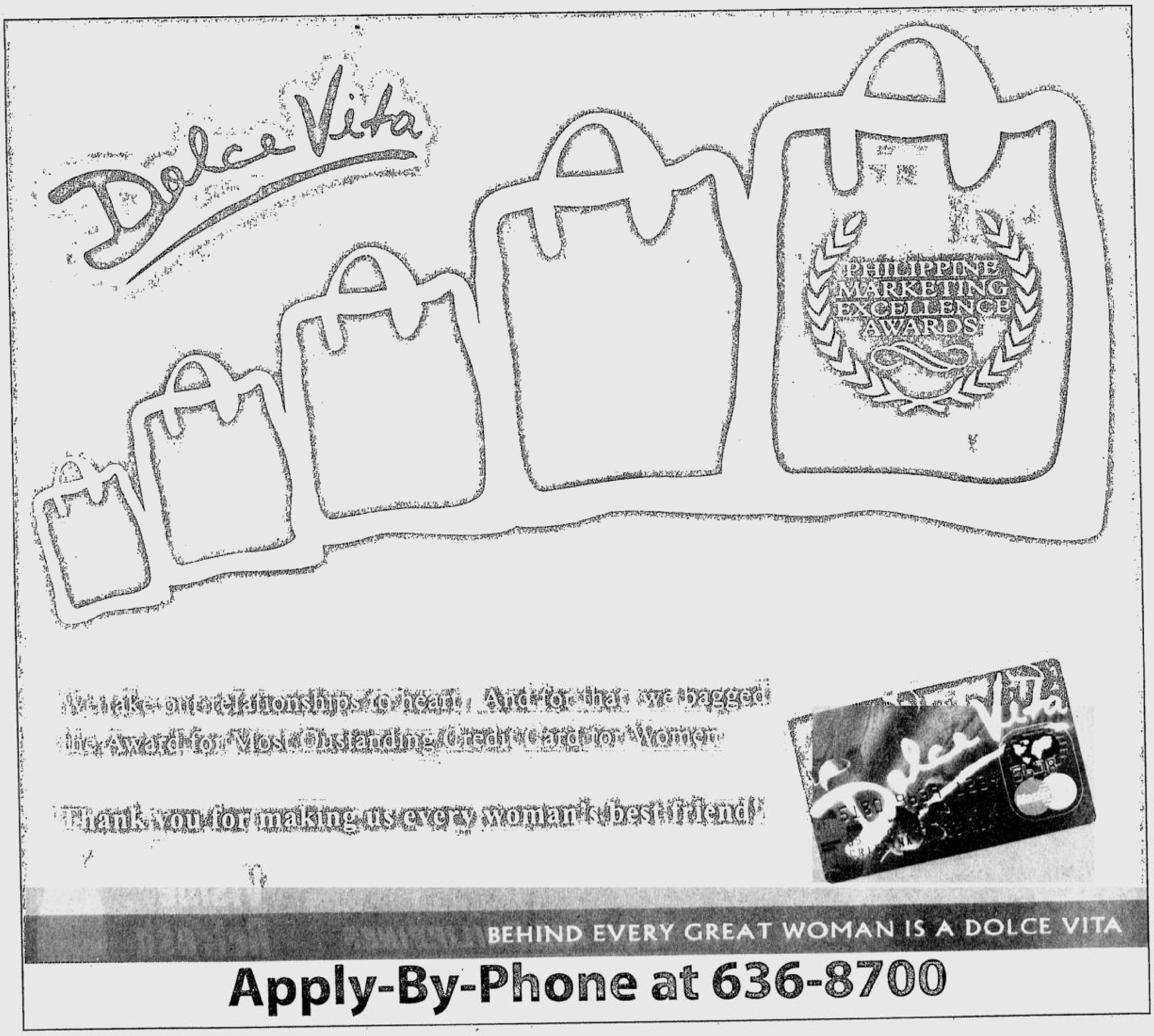
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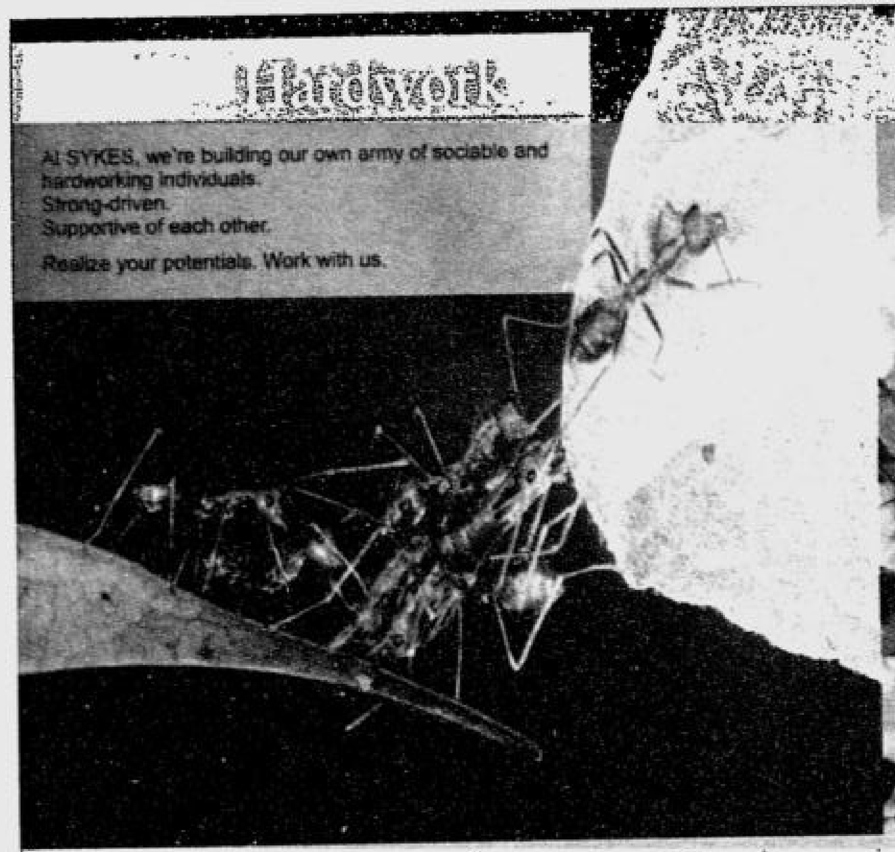

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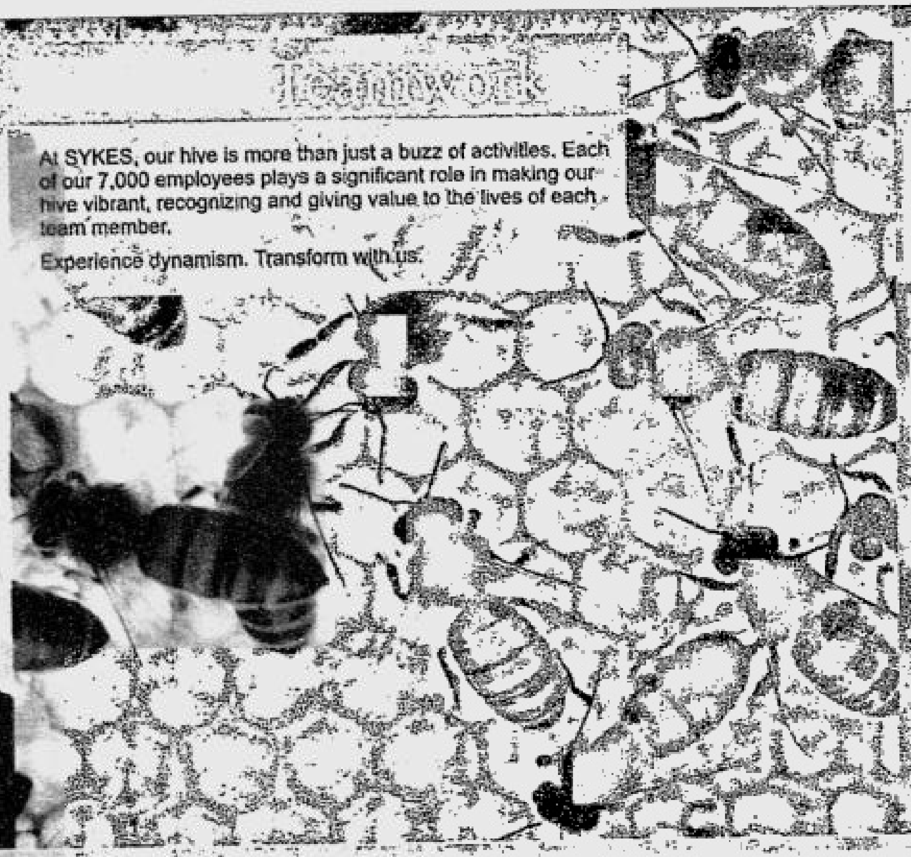

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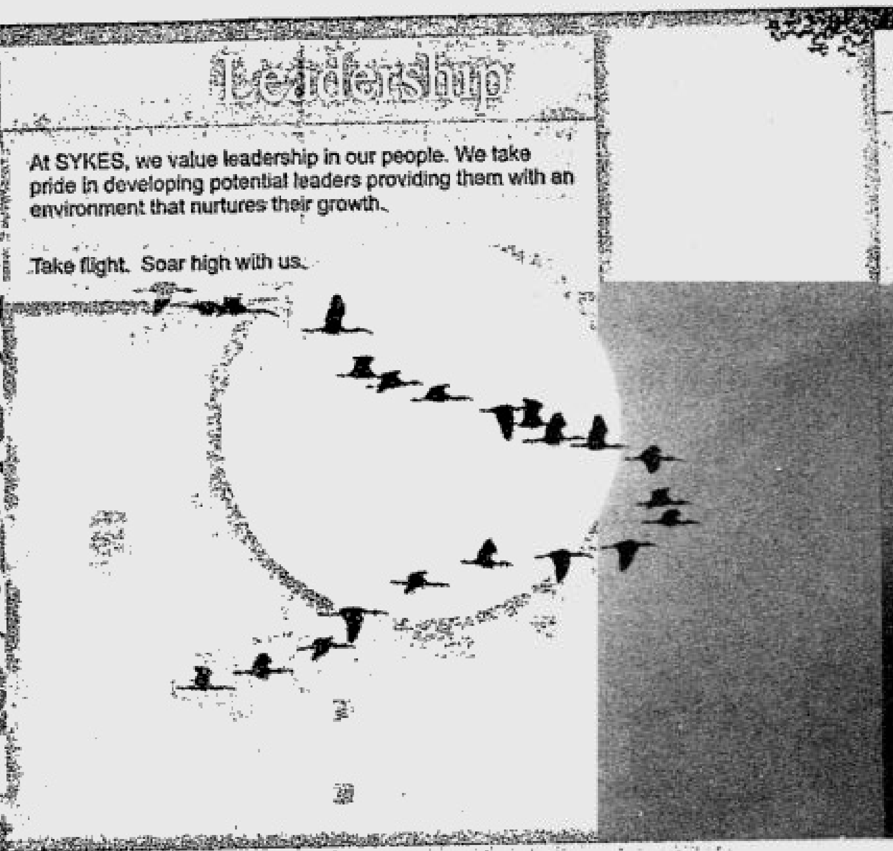

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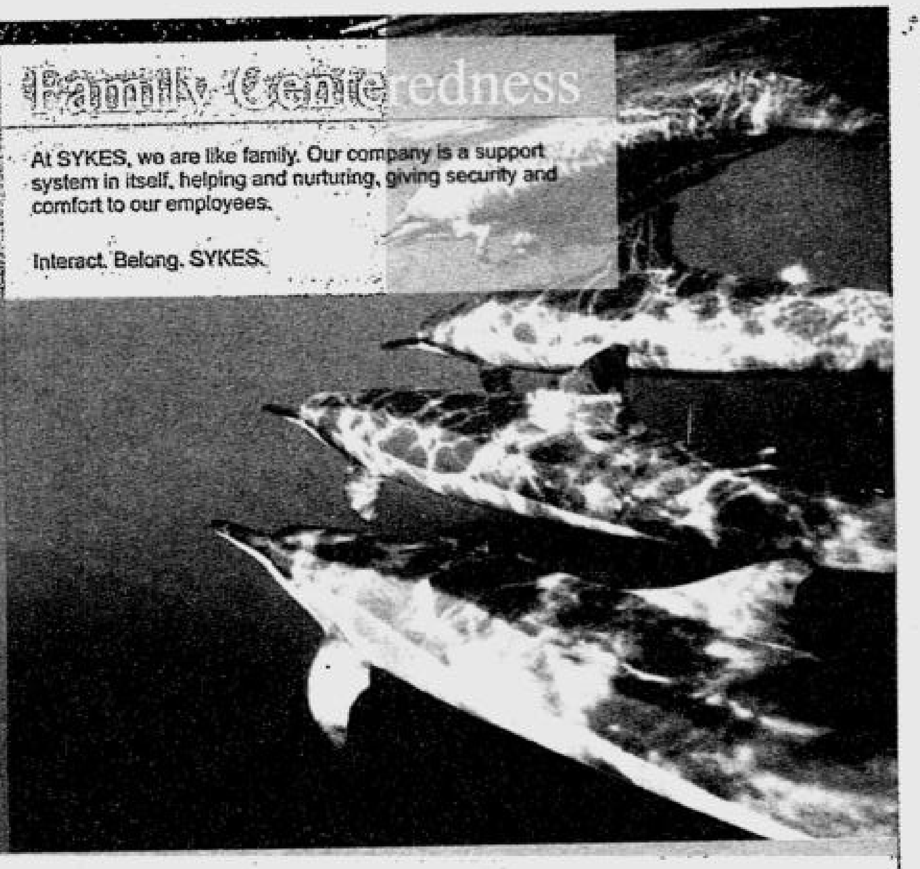

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- Between 25-30 years old; at least 5'2 in height
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- College degree in Architecture
- Professional registration required
- At least 7 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Design-related computer literacy and proficiency required
- International exposure an advantage
- Must be willing to travel abroad
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required
- Strong leadership qualities, managerial and organizational skills an advantage

PROJECT COORDINATOR
Job Code: PRC
He shall be responsible for over-all coordination with Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing/Fire Protection and Structural engineering consultants (MEPS) from conceptual to contract stages. He shall be in-charge of design review, quality control and timely submission of project deliverables of MEPS consultants.
- College degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering
- Professional registration required
- At least 7 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Design-related computer literacy and proficiency required
- International exposure an advantage
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

DESIGN ARCHITECT
Job Code: DEA
He shall be responsible for over-all conceptualization and design development of various project types. He shall ensure design quality control during conceptual design up to documentation.
- College degree in Architecture
- Professional registration required
- At least 7 years experience in various project types
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

DETAILER
Job Code: DET
He shall be primarily responsible for production of construction details, plan review and quality control.
- College degree in Architecture
- Professional registration preferred
- At least 7 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

INTERIOR DESIGNER
Job Code: IND
He shall be responsible for over-all conceptualization and design development of various project types. He shall ensure design quality control during conceptual design up to documentation.
- College degree in Interior Design
- Professional registration required
- At least 5 years experience in hospitality retail, high-end residential and corporate projects
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Willing to travel abroad
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

DESIGN OFFICER
Job Code: DEO
He shall be responsible for design development for various project types ie architecture or interior design.
- College degree in Architecture or Interior Design
- Freehand rendering capabilities an advantage
- Professional registration preferred
- At least 3 years experience required
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required

CADD DESIGNER
Job Code: CAD
He shall be primarily responsible for generating construction details and working drawings.
- College degree in Architecture
- At least 3 years experience in construction documentation for architecture (preferably high-rise) or interior design projects preferred
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005 required
- Proficiency in modeling and graphic/rendering software an advantage

3D GRAPHICS RENDERER
Job Code: GRA
He shall be responsible for production of mult-media presentation using 3D graphics and animation programs.
- Proficiency in Autocad 2004/2005, 3D studio Max or Viz required
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PROJECT MANAGER
Job Code: PRM
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- College graduate of BS Architecture or BS CE
- 4-6 years experience in project and construction management
- Proficiency in written and oral communication

PROJECT OFFICER / Engineering
Job Code: PRE
He shall be responsible for construction supervision/inspection. He shall undertake project management and shall ensure design quality control during project implementation.
- College degree in Electrical Engineering and/or Mechanical Engineering
- Professional registration preferred
- Exposure in construction & fit-out preferred
- International exposure an advantage
- Computer literacy and proficiency preferred

PROJECT OFFICER / Architecture
Job Code: PRA
He shall be responsible for construction supervision/inspection. He shall undertake project management and shall ensure design quality control during project implementation.
- College degree in Architecture
- Professional registration preferred
- Exposure in construction & fit-out preferred
- International exposure an advantage
- Computer literacy and proficiency preferred

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Provides central management and oversight of the technical assistance package to identified LGUs under a sub-contract arrangement with the Management Sciences for Health (MSH). Implements MSH issued Task Orders. Prepares central reports and attends the central meeting with MSH.

Technical assistance package covers the conduct of a series of training on specific skills and competencies, conduct of operations research and/or special studies, organization and facilitation of LGU workshops, conferences and similar fora; and introduction of effective and innovative resource mobilization and service improvement strategies at the LGU level. Core programs covered by the technical assistance package include: Family Planning, TB-DOTS, HIV Aids, and Vitamin A Supplementation. Program Components cover: Governance and Management, Financing and access to quality health services.

The Requirements
Interested applicants should be a college degree holder in any related course, preferably with Masters degree or its equivalent in any Health-related field. He/she must have at least 5 years related experience in a managerial level with proven track record in managing medium-scale projects, notably USAID funded projects. He/she must possess strong program management skills, have minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area, and have good interpersonal skills.

DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The Tasks
Provides assistance to the Project Director in managing all technical activities required by the Task Orders and of the Project as a whole. Supervises the efficient implementation and discharge of administrative functions relative to the Project. Provides technical assistance services to the LGUs where and when appropriate.

The Requirements
Interested applicants should be a college degree holder in Nursing, Public Health or any Health-related course. He/she must have at least 3 years related experience in project development and implementation with ample knowledge in any of these areas: LGU fiscal management & health systems, public health with emphasis on management of Tuberculosis & HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health or Family Planning programs. He/she must possess strong managerial skills, have minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area, and have good interpersonal skills.

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The Tasks
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The Requirements
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PROGRAM OFFICER

The Tasks
Provides technical assistance and administrative backstopping to the Technical Assistance Projects.

The Requirements
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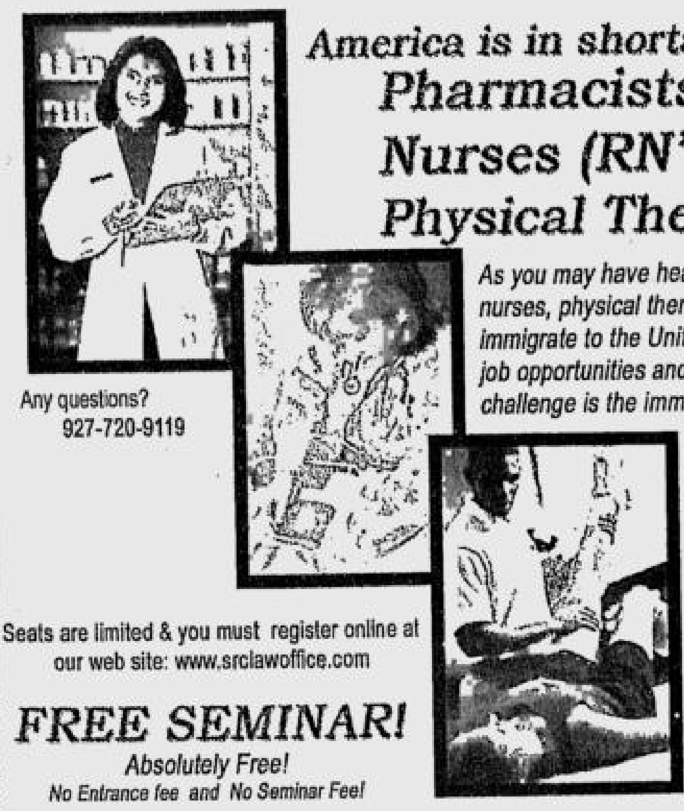

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The LEAD for Health Project is a three-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends September 30, 2006, There is a two 2-year optional extension periods.

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TEAM LEADER FOR NON-ARMM MINDANAO

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Team Leader is responsible for the overall management of the Non-ARMM Mindanao Field Office specifically the Field Operations in Non-ARMM Mindanao areas and the Admin/Finance Support Unit. He/She exercises supervision over all personnel of the Non-ARMM Mindanao Field.

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1. Ensures the formulation and implementation of financial and administrative systems and procedures for organizational, resource, operational and administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Mindanao Field Office.
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4. Monitors, evaluates and validates the conduct and maintenance of regular inventory of project property and assets entrusted to the Mindanao Field Office.
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10. Reviews, evaluates and validates the prepared monthly, quarterly, annual and other financial and administrative reports prior to submission to project management and/or the Finance/Admin Unit.
11. Ensures the regular preparation of monthly, quarterly, annual and other financial and administrative reports that project management or the Finance/Admin Unit may require.
12. Ensures the smooth transition towards admin/finance autonomy of the Mindanao Field Office and ensures the capacity and capability of the Mindanao Admin/Finance Office to effectively and efficiently implement it.

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1. Graduate of a social, political or health related science course;
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Interested individuals are requested to submit a Letter of Application stating the position applied for together with their resumé either by email or post not later than {2 wks after posting} through any of the following:

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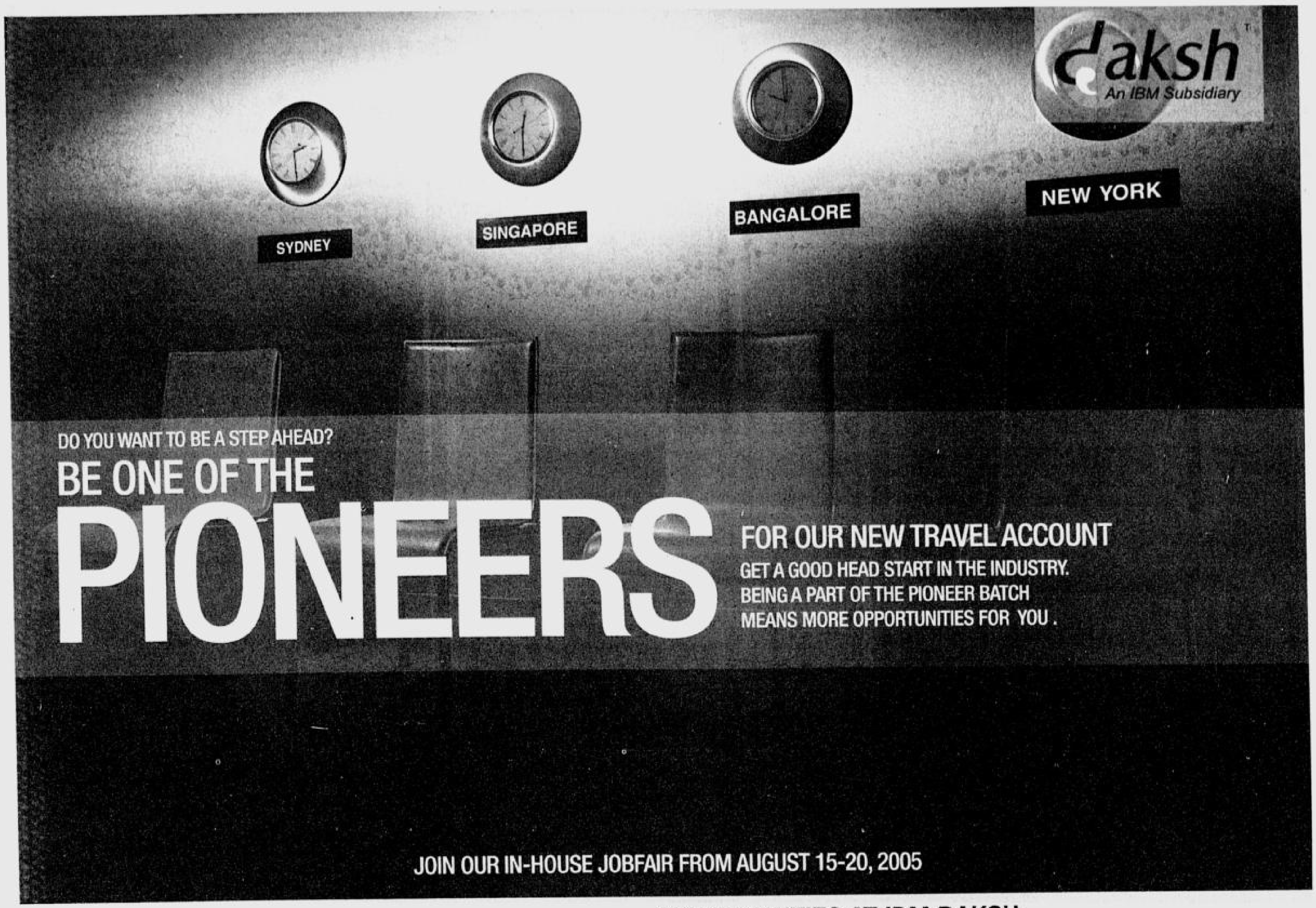

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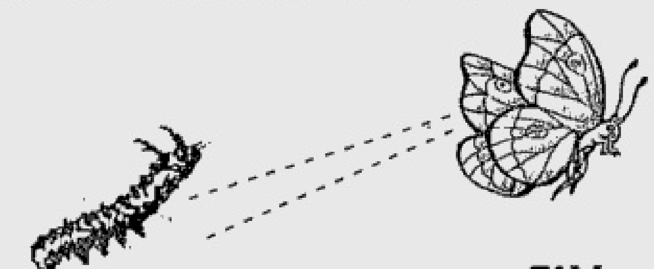

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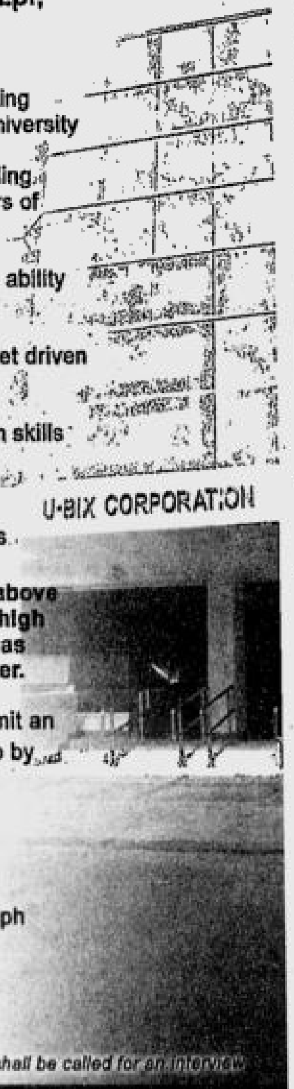

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‘How can I get rewarded for productivity?’

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I AM a senior operator in our plant, working in a rotating shift. Many years ago, I started as an operator handling one machine—today I am now responsible for four machines. Of course, I got a promotion and a salary increase for the additional responsibility.

Our manager continues to demand higher productivity from employees and have offered productivity-based rewards during the middle of this year. This raised some hopes for greater pay but so far we have not received any such rewards.

Can you please help us understand better what this management-initiated program is really all about? How can we improve our chances of getting the rewards offered by management?

Challenged Operator

I feel relieved whenever I receive mail from an employee of a manufacturing firm located in the Philippines. I was getting the impression that China is fast becoming the “hands of the world” and doing all the manufacturing. Hurray for the companies that continue to find competitive advantage in locating its manufacturing sites in the Philippines.

Let me try to simplify productivity in a way that you will hopefully understand. During the time of Karl Marx, this word was not in the Webster dictionary. Today, it seems to be the battle cry of many competitive companies. With it, companies are able to sustain fair returns to stakeholders, including employees. Without it, many companies have folded up.

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What is productivity?

I will not dwell on its definition. However, let me tell you that it will be to your advantage to see productivity as the "better use of human resources in an organization." This is very limiting, but this has got a lot to do with your questions in your letter to me. Productivity improvement, therefore, has something to do with improving the use and usefulness of employees in an organization.

There is no single formula, program or gimmick that works best at improving productivity. There are, however, a number of proven techniques and methods that can be applied, not separately but in combination with one another, that tend to improve productivity.

Since productivity is not just a people issue but a systems problem, many organizations have succeeded in approaching productivity improvement from a systems point of view. Usually, systems analysts identify which activities have the greatest potential and relevance for improvement, set priorities and deploy resources in the priority areas.

Common methods

In the past, the most common methods of improving productivity include substitution of equipment for human effort, improved methods and systems, removal of unproductive practices and improved management of human resources. As an employee, you will have a great impact on the results of any of these methods. At the end of the day, no method or system will be properly implemented in any organization unless the employees cooperate and perform well.

Substitution of equipment

I have seen how many businessmen would tend to invest more on things that don’t eat or multiply or grow old. If they can avoid it, they would not invest on things that need repair, too. But, obviously they realize that it is easier to maintain things that need repair than those who eat. Some studies show that over a 10-year period, costs per employee tend to increase 150 percent. Unless employees can show the same improvement in productivity, the businessmen will continue to substitute machines for labor. Until the scenarios in “Terminator 3” and Spielberg's “War of the Worlds" become real, businessmen will never hesitate to have machines in production.

Improved methods and systems

Since the 1920s, developing better methods of work has contributed tremendously to productivity improvement. Some of these methods include time and motion study, facility layout, work-flow analysis, time-activity analysis, etc. Costs of implementing these improvements, as well as gains, were moderate. Success depended much on the design experts, the training and acceptance by the workers of the new methods of work.

Removal of unproductive practices

There are onerous mindsets and practices that tend to prevent employees from becoming more productive. These include traditional practices mandated by outdated rules and regulations. The Philippine Labor Code sometimes inhibits competitiveness by outlawing certain practices that more competitive countries allow. Another source could be the collective bargaining agreements that guarantee across-the-board rewards regardless of individual employee's contributions to productivity improvement. The most common are self-imposed unproductive mindsets and practices among employees. Unless unproductive practices are eradicated, employees will not be able to contribute their utmost to overall productivity efforts in any organization.

Effective HR management

There is no single method or technique of managing people so that they can be more productive. We have seen many companies develop home-grown methods that allow employees to realize and develop their full potential and get rewarded for it. As a practitioner, I realize that the opportunity areas for productivity improvement are many. Organizations that best attract and select the right talents will tend to be more productive. Those that measure, manage and control performance best will ensure better productivity. More flexible organization structures also tend to enhance productivity. Training and development always contributed to more productive employees. But most importantly, employee motivation and communication have offered the most potential and relevance for improving productivity.

Rewards

In reality, productivity improvement is good not only for the organization but for the employees as well. People who are more productive usually feel good about themselves, and people who feel good about themselves tend to be more productive. I earlier

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My Trabaho Dream beneficiary finds the right career path

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

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LIKE most fresh graduates, Christine Joy Mangahis felt lost as soon as she stepped out of the gates of her school, the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in Calamba, Laguna. With a diploma on Bachelor of Science Major in Psychology degree clutched in her eager hand, she should have been ready for the real world. Unfortunately, it wasn’t the case. “My weakness includes not knowing what I really want and what I really need. I graduated with a course of BS Psychology that would practically land me a career in human resources, but I did not know where to go from there," shares Mangahis.

A newspaper helped Mangahis map out her career with a more definite direction. Going trough the pages of the Philippine Daily Inquirer one day, she read about My Trabaho Dream, a mentoring program, and hoped that sending an application would be a step towards finding her true career path. My Trabaho Dream is a public service program that aims to help jobseekers and people at work find their dream jobs. A joint project of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Optimus Innovations, Inc. and the Manila Broadcasting Company, My Trabaho recently chose its second batch of beneficiaries. Many of them have landed jobs after the training and coaching program. Through this program, Mangahis became a fortunate beneficiary and now works for Crown Asia Compounders Corporation as a Junior HR Officer.

Exploring options

When Mangahis graduated with a Psychology degree, she was overwhelmed with the career possibilities. She immediately took in a job as an HR Junior Staff for Shindengen Philippines Corporation. HR then seemed the most natural choice, but she was still unsure. “Am I on the right track? I might have been lost. Do I have a choice? Hundreds of work options to choose from, but in the end, it’s the employer who picks. What’s in it for me? Are the benefits enough to make me tinker and shift jobs like that which the high paying call center industry offers?" The questions plagued her and made her wonder if she should shift careers until My Trabaho Dream’s Career Planning Workshop eased her apprehensions.

My TRABAHO

“With her psychology background, Christine claimed she wanted to deal with people. However, her job then narrowed her experiences to a very specialized field. I encouraged her to try out the different areas first then see if she would like to explore the other options," recalls Butch Fernando, Mangahis’ My Trabaho Dream mentor. Fernando is the vice president of the human resources department and administration of Clear Line Technologies. With over 23 years experience in various industries in the HR field, Fernando encouraged Mangahis to fully explore the different possibilities of HR with a passion. “It’s difficult to change careers, unless it’s a passion. If you have to shift, there has to be a burning desire; otherwise you are just confused," he advises.

HR experience

The Career Planning seminar was an eye opener for Mangahis. She claims that the weekly mentoring sessions under the My Trabaho Dream program helped her the most. “I am very fortunate to have Mr. Butch Fernando as my adviser. Every time we meet, he painstakingly shares with me words of wisdom to guide me in my career and virtues, not just competencies, to make me a better person."

Working for 10 companies for several years in the HR field, Fernando was able to share his extensive HR experience with Mangahis. She was an eager leaner. “I learned HR functions that I have not yet experienced like due process and other HR core functions before I got my job," says Mangahis.

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Mentor muses on the joys of mentoring

By Loree Cruz-Mante
Contributor

MANTE

THE MENTORING relationship has lately occupied my mind since one of my colleagues recently introduced me to the training class as “my mentor.” I had been called “mentor” many times in the past, but for some reason the introduction hit me with a different poignancy this time. Perhaps because the person I was coaching was a seasoned trainor with impressive qualifications. Perhaps, the attribution came at a time when I most feel the onslaught of age and diminished energy, which becomes most obvious during the challenging stretches of training. Perhaps, the comment just caught me in a somber mood.

I was flattered, to say to least, but nevertheless felt apprehensive as I pondered on the responsibility of being called one's mentor. I also became suddenly aware of how fast the years have flown indeed, for here I was, a trainor, consultant, coach, and yes, mentor, often engaged in musings about whether I will ever leave my mark on this planet.

The coach at work

At about the same period that I was called mentor, I was regularly taking a 16-seater aircraft on official business to service a customer company's outplacement requirements. After the initial misgivings about flying on a dragonfly of an aircraft, I learned to enjoy the plane rides and to bask in the feeling of being high above the ground and yet close enough to see the trees and terrain. The ride usually took all of just 20 minutes, and the thought that I was in my destination so quickly eliminated much of the hassle associated with traveling.

On one such trip, I noticed that the captain seemed pretty oblivious of what he was supposed to be doing: flying the plane. (The cockpit in this type of aircraft was partly visible to the passengers.) Just as quickly as I took notice, I also saw that his assistant was in charge, which was why he wasn’t paying attention. The captain was engrossed with a few sheets of paper on a clipboard. I surmised that they may have been evaluation checklists. As I had suspected, the pilot in command of the aircraft was the senior pilot’s trainee.

Journeying with the tutored

I don’t remember feeling particularly fearful since I knew that the “real” pilot was just by and would be able to take over at any time that the plane needed more experienced hands.

The plane ride, however, was bumpy. This is an understatement since the aircraft, being small, was more easily susceptible to the influence of clouds and winds. The rocks and sways were more easily translated to bumps and thuds, which the passengers could feel sick about, if not mentally tortured altogether.

There was nothing, as far as I could appreciate, that seemed particularly different from the weather conditions in which I usually flew. The weather was perfect, as it had always been in the times I took the same ride.

I could only conclude that the bumpy ride was due to the trainee pilot’s yet untrained hands that did not quite have the same feel, the same fine touch of hands that knew the plane and how to work it to their bidding.

Once a trainee

Mentoring—the thought crossed my mind with some distinctive power. We all need the wisdom of experienced hands that have worked themselves to perfection through years and years of practice. There was a time when this now aging pilot was also like his trainee, probably sweaty to his underpants on his first training ride or on the ride he would be evaluated and given the passing grade. His flight must also have been as choppy. The passengers he had then, as I was a passenger now, must also have felt the difference between the master's and the apprentice's touch.

We all need to go the rounds of being the tutored, the one whose performance would be judged, the one whose every move must be watched, critiqued, refined, purified by fire, chiseled with the fine, weathered hands of the master craftsman. And slowly, the trainee will emerge better and better at his craft, enriched and enhanced by the mentor’s sensitive coaching and expert eyes for bringing out the best in the yet raw and untested mentee.

Now a coach

And so it is that the mentee then becomes the mentor, for how will the world be if coaches did not coach and mentors did not mentor simply because we were afraid to suffer the bumpy ride and journey with the

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

The other face of nagging

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ONE of the fringe benefits of working in a news agency is you're surrounded by minds—know what I mean? You work with editors and writers and as a result you are kept on your toes. Even a simple coffeebreak at the canteen can become a battle-of-the-brains kind of thing where any topic—even showbiz chatter—can take on metaphysical proportions. Precisely because they are viewed through extraordinary minds.

One particular coffeebreak—at the Press Foundation of Asia where we employees came from different countries—we had an animated discussion on the differences in communicating between men and women. A bachelor from Bangladesh sighed that the reason he wouldn't marry was because women are such naggers. Wow!—you'd think it was the start of World War III when the women reacted! Of course, we took sides: women versus men. The men said that women of any nationality were naggers—citing their mothers, sisters, wives, all the women in their families. Naturally the women wouldn't take that sitting down! They stood valiantly in defense of their sisters, and finally, one of us said, "One word to the wise is sufficient! We become naggers because, sadly, we deal with fools!" End of discussion.

The woman in today's Gospel recalls that coffeebreak for me. She was such a nag, but she got the Master to do her bidding. Nagging need not be a negative quality; it could be an expression of great faith. To the men among our readers: Nagging, like beauty, is in the eyes of the beholder. Next time you get nagged, believe that your nagger has such great faith in your goodness that she risks being ridiculed just to prove it. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel: Mt. 15: 21-28

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Women workers

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

THE WOMAN in today's Gospel brings to my mind the female workers in our society and throughout the whole world who are growing in great numbers. More and more women are taking up jobs or occupations, which are traditionally meant for men such us welders, mechanics, electricians, and those which require more muscle. The progress and development in society have somehow caused the entry of more women in the workforce, such that the female participation in the world of work has gained greater significance. In fact, we hear or read of news about women who also excel in jobs where only men used to. I think that as Jesus commended the woman and her "great faith" in today's Gospel, we can also extol the women workers and some traits usually found strong in them, which make them efficient workers.

While they may have less brawn than men, women's strength comes from their having generally more patience, perseverance, intuition, dedication, precision and many other traits, which make them bear the heavy demands of work and make them efficient in their jobs. Even the sense of weakness in the woman—the woman being the "weaker sex"—could lead her to a feeling of need for others and a humble attitude. This in turn will dispose her to easily work in a team, to receive and implement orders or directions from superiors, or even recognize her ultimate need for God, the source of everything.

The woman seems to be more willing to believe in God and run to Him for help than her male counterpart. Like the woman in the Gospel, the female worker "with great faith in God" will receive from the Lord the needed help to do an efficient job. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

'How can I get rewarded for productivity?'

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said that the success of any management initiative to improve employee productivity depends to a large extent on the cooperation of the employees.

Unless employees are made aware of what is in it for them, most management programs will not generate the motivation and cooperation expected from employees. I am not talking of monetary rewards alone. On the other hand, employees cannot expect to reap the rewards offered by an environment of greater productivity unless they actively participate in creating the gains from such productivity.

Tips

Here are a few tips on how you can get the best out of management-initiated productivity programs:

1. Start with a positive attitude. If you think that you will only end up working harder for the same pay or that you won't get any credit for being productive, think again. Productive action starts with a productive thought. In your work, have a sense of ownership over your area of responsibility. Think about how you can improve the things around your own area.

2. Start small. If you can't start with a big bang, start small. Think of what you can do on your own, without need of asking permission from your boss to implement improvements or changes in your work. For example, you can come in earlier so that you don't have to rush each day. This early headstart can give you a few minutes to plan and organize your day.

3. Always think about making work easier for you and for others. There is no point in making your work seem complicated that it already is. Dissect your work to see where small improvements can be made. Go back to the main purpose of your work and of every task you do. There will always be a better, faster and less costly way of doing your work if you make it simpler. Never assume that there is only one correct way to do your job.

4. Look for questions behind the question. When discussing improvements or when responding to customers' or bosses' needs, always find out the reason for the need. Ask if there is anything else beyond the need you perceive. This way you can address problems, not just symptoms.

5. Be lavish with your suggestions. Act as if you own the business and suggest how things could be done better, faster and at lesser cost. Start with your own job, then as you get the knack for suggesting improvements, look at your department and suggest improvements. In time, you will get the habit of suggesting improvements for the overall company. If you want to make 100 suggestions per year, make at least two per week. Who knows, one of these suggestions can ensure the survival of your company. That, too, will ensure that you will continue to have a job and a great career!

Of course, the best thing to get the most out of a productivity-based rewards system is to familiarize yourself with the rules of the program. Ask your manager for assistance or clarification. Give it a good try and see if you have contributed any improvement. At the end of the day, you reap what you sow. If you sow improvements, you will reap improvements. If you don't, you can't expect any reward. Sometimes, when in the process of productivity improvement, you see an improvement in your work habits, outlook and mindset, these could be the best rewards that you can reap.

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Do you fear asking for help at work?

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Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I came to a difficult realization recently: just the thought of asking for help makes my skin crawl. I know there are people out there who ask for help, but I can't do it. Am I crazy?

Go It Alone

Your e-mail reminded me of a Russian man who had spent hours training his dog to protect him in case he was ever attacked. Unfortunately, the dog really learned this lesson well "protected" his owner from paramedics who were trying to save his life. The man died of a heart attack.

There is a strong similarity between that situation and your attitude about accepting help at work; both are cases where keeping help at arm's length is dangerous. I think of work as a community "bank," and we all need to make deposits and withdrawals. Below I've listed some questions for you to ask yourself in order to help you ask for help. For more, check out "Wildly Sophisticated" by Nicole Williams (Perigee, 2004).

Do you want to avoid showing weakness? To me there is only one thing worse than appearing to be weak—actually being weak. So I'd rather swallow my pride and ask for help and insight from a colleague than screwing things up on my own. I have a simple theory: it's almost always better to hear something from a colleague than to hear it from a boss or customer.

Do you feel like you'll open yourself up to criticism? Whenever you ask for feedback or advice, you potentially open yourself up to criticism. But to me criticism is like a cell phone, you can always turn it off. You don't have to be bound by what you're told. Sort through it to decide what you should act on and what you should forget.

Do you feel like it's just better to go it alone? I tried to think of the most rugged individual I could and I came up with a cowboy riding the range. But even that cowboy had all sorts of support systems: cow dogs, cooks, other cowboys, etc. So be aware of getting sucked into the myth of the isolated individual. Corporations are communities and it's important to stay involved.

Do you ask for help but don't get it? Some people are shy, and getting advice from them is like pulling teeth. Others give their advice carefully, even grudgingly. Sometimes you'll have to ask more than once, but the times I have I've usually found it's worth the wait.

Do you feel like you'll owe them? My dad was a classic, he would give you money but each dollar had strings attached. There may be someone like this where you work, so with some people you might need to set some boundaries (try saying, "I really would like to hear your thoughts, but I'll have to bounce them off my team before I act"). Most people, however, are happy to give advice free of any "hidden charge."

Don't take a bite out of your own career, ask colleagues for help along the way.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/abcnews.com online ballot: Which song title describes your feelings about asking for help at work?

—Feels so Good, 6.3 percent

—Feels Like Rain, 38.2 percent

—Feels Alright, 55.3 percent

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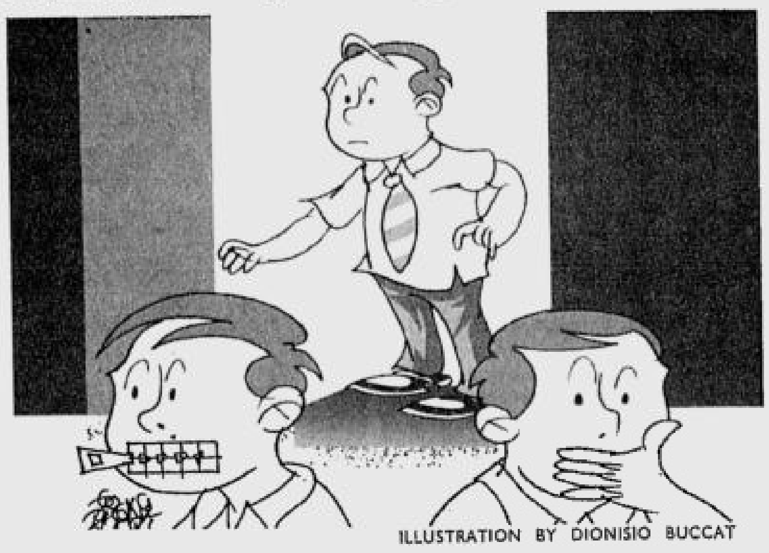

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My Trabaho Dream beneficiary finds ...

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However, Fernando claims that what he imparted to Mangahis are just theories. "Mentoring is somewhat theoretical, but real life experience is different," reminds Fernando. According to Fernando, policy design in HR is difficult to think through when one does not have the experience. He adds that the discipline process also stems from years of experience. For this, Fernando encourages Mangahis to be patient and to learn from experience.

First step

The value of experience was not the only thing Mangahis learned from My Trabaho. "I found out that it is not enough to have the knowledge, skills and training to be able to get the job that you desire. An applicant needs to be prepared in every aspect to be able to pass all the requirements before getting the right job." The program helped Mangahis trough the different seminars that included resumé preparation, how to close the deal through the interview and career advancement tips.

The program also taught Mangahis to focus on her career goals and to pursue it with a passion. "It's a long-term goal; a hopeful should treat it as a lifelong decision. It has to be right from the start; otherwise, he or she needs to correct it immediately before it creates an emotional impact on his or her happiness and mission in life."

As junior HR officer, Mangahis feels that she is already a step towards her goal. She is currently learning how to work with appropriate systems and policies for recruitment, benefits administration, competencies, performance appraisals, promotion and code of discipline. She is taking her mentor's words into heart and knows that she still has a long way to go. In the meantime, she is grateful that she has been shown the path that she believes will lead her to bigger and brighter things. "I think I am on the right track with my current job. I have made myself accommodate new challenges and pressures with my new responsibilities because I know these will make me mature into the person that I need to actualize. It's the hard way that will lead me to success. Dealing with people is a very complex function but I welcome every opportunity to learn. I need to know HR in general. There is still room for that."

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Mentor muses on the joys of mentoring

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clumsy trainee until he could do things as well as we did? We would have missed the privilege of being a mentor.

There is a time to teach and a time to learn, or perhaps to teach and to learn, and to learn and to teach—all at the same time.

The need to mentor

The older members of workplaces should be able to mentor the younger ones because that is how we ensure that the richness of lessons learned through years of work will find root in those generations of workers to follow. We need to coach and help people discover the latent potentials they possess and use their gifts to benefit society. We need to share openly and willingly those experiences that have taught us many wonderful things that can benefit others and inspire them to make their contributions in their own terms, in their own appointed time and space.

Trainors, tutors, coaches, mentors—we all should be, if we are not yet. If we do this role well, we know we will have made a difference in the life of one whom we now coach, in the future a mentor like ourselves.

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

Is Liwayway Vinzons-Chato Laughing All the Way to the Impeachment of GMA?

As counsel and mother hen to the starwitnesses against GMA, the former BIR commissioner and feisty, controversial lawyer says she's got enough of a case to bring down the President—and she claims no political agenda other than to do what's right

by Gerry Lirio
photograph by Ryan Lim

CALL her the "Mother of all witnesses." Victoria Liwayway Vinzons-Chato laughs off the label, but says it could have been her maternal instinct that drew her to tough guys like Sammy Ong and Louie Zuce, two of the most familiar and controversial faces in the news these days.

Chato, 59, is the lawyer for both Ong and Zuce, the opposition's star witnesses, among others, in their bid to impeach President Macapagal-Arroyo. Ong, a former National Bureau of Investigation official, recently holed out in a Makati seminary, claiming that his life was in danger because he allegedly had incriminating tapes that would prove the President's complicity with a Comelec commissioner to cheat in the 2004 elections. Former Malacanang political operative Zuce, meanwhile, claimed that he was present when several election officials were handed out envelopes by a known jueteng operative inside the Arroyo home, with the President herself witnessing the transaction. Big boy Zuce, once labeled by the media as "The In-

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Liwayway

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credible Hulk," his wife and three kids are now under Chato's protective custody.

Another controversial client is Arlene Sernal Doble, the wife of T/Sgt Vidal Doble, who reportedly helped expose the taped conversation between President Arroyo and an election official. Doble later recanted his testimony.

So what's Chato, who belongs to the Vinzons clan of wartime heroism and student activism, doing messing with the likes of what political detractors describe as shady characters? Previous to her opposition stint, this former Ramos revenue official was widely admired for sticking to her guns despite pressures to ease up on the tax obligations of tycoon Lucio Tan. When Estrada became president after Ramos, she found herself facing charges in court instead for doing her job as BIR commissioner. That chapter easily became one of the most colorful in her career.

Now out of government, she's fighting no less than the President of the Philippines. She couldn't be in it for the money, though; the two opposition witnesses are pro-bono clients. Is she buffing her image in preparation for the next elections? Chato had run for senator in 2001 and for a congressional seat in Camarines in 2004. She lost both times. Well, the third time's a charm, people say. Others speculate that Chato could have been promised a juicy post should the opposition manage to oust Arroyo and put up their own candidate.

She shrugs off the speculations. "The best man for the job," she counters, "is a woman." So how did this mother of five young kids become entangled with tales—some say, tall tales—of bribery and electoral fraud against Ms Arroyo?

She calls it "Divine Providence." She just happened to be around when the witnesses needed a counsel. "I guess the word is availability," she says. "When Ong needed a lawyer, a common friend called me and I went to that news conference. That was the only time I got to meet Ong."

She became Zuce's counsel under similar circumstances, she says, athough the first time she met him was during her unsuccessful senatorial bid under the administration ticket.

Ongoing fight

But Chato dismisses criticisms that she's lawyering for people who look and sound like they have either a checkered past or an ulterior motive. "Well, that's the way they're being portrayed," she says. "But I don't go by appearances. To me, appearances wouldn't be a good gauge of a person so I don't want to make that judgment. This is a commitment on my part since there is an ongoing fight for truth and justice to come out."

She had nothing personal against Ms Arroyo, she adds. And neither her ex-boss former President Fidel V. Ramos, nor another client, Philippines International Air Terminal Co. (PIATCO) is behind her now, she says. Ramos, whom Chato calls "my president (because) he did a lot for our country," has been a very vocal Arroyo supporter in recent days.

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"My President": Chato as BIR Commissioner with FVR in 1995

"Well, I don't agree with what Ramos is saying and doing now," she says. "But that's one thing I admire about him; he does not impose his opinion on other people. And besides, I cannot be influenced by what I do not believe in." She clarifies that there's no truth, either, to widespread suspicions that PIATCO, which lost a huge government contract during the Arroyo administration, is behind the destabilization moves against the government.

Does she believe she has a good case against Ms. Arroyo? She gives an empathic yes. "I'm doing this for our country and for the love of the Lord. *Ang sa akin kasi*, when we are being asked, when we see that evil is happening, we have an obligation, a responsibility as human beings to help in cleaning up the process. Probably some people don't believe that they are doing anything wrong. So it is up to us to keep reminding them, especially the ones who are occupying high government positions. Whoever is considered a leader should set the example. Yet if the example that they set are really destroying the values and moral fiber of our society, then we have to come out and shout to the highest heavens."

But she sometimes pities Ms Arroyo, Chato confesses. "The Bible says we have to look at the sin, not the sinner," she says. "The Bible says you have to tell the sinner of her sins. And if she won't listen then you can go out and denounce, tell the world."

A done deal

Chato recalls that she was one of Ms Arroyo's 13 candidates in the 2001 senatorial elections. She lost, but a year later, Ms. Arroyo offered her the chairmanship of the Commission on Elections. "And at that time, it was almost a done deal," she says. "The President was expecting me to accept it. But I did not on the advice of my husband. One of the considerations was that, if I were to run for senator again in 2004, then there's conflict (of interest). The other is my family, which of course is my priority, next to God. I might have been bleeding by now if I were the Comelec chairman."

Chato finished law at the University of the Philippines in the late 1960s, when the campus was slowly becoming the hotbed of political activism. She is younger than Senators Frank Drilon and Miriam Defensor-Santiago, and Rep. Ronnie Zamora, but graduated ahead of them because her parents sent her to school ahead of her time.

Chato was a member of the Order of the Purple Feather, the UP College of Law Honor Society, and College Editor of the 1968 Philippinensian. She was twice elected to the UP Student Council and was chosen one of the five outstanding UP Coeds in 1967. She obtained her pre-law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Sto. Tomas.

Born in Daet, Camarines Norte, Chato says that given her tough cases now, she won't be surprised if people start calling her *"oragon,"* a Bicolano term that means, among other definitions, sharp and spunky, though the term is normally used to describe a man, not a woman.

"My husband used to tell our kids: Your mother has balls," she says. Her husband, lawyer Wilfredo Chato, who hails from Surigao del Norte, was a UP law classmate. He was an editor of the Collegian in 1964.

Chato was appointed as Internal Revenue Commissioner in 1993 and served in such capacity until June 30, 1998. She holds the distinction of being the first BIR woman commissioner.

Spiritual life

In the 1980s, she suffered from a strange cancer, but was given a new lease in life when she got cured after turning to God. Since then, she has maintained her spiritual life and later joined Couples for Christ, where she remains active. Looking back, she says it could not have been cancer, after all.

Her bout with the strange illness, however, taught her that there is nothing to be afraid of in life and in death, or in anything you are fighting for, she says. She talks about God as if everything is dependent on Him, especially now that her bodyguards take her security too seriously. "I've always believed that if you have faith, you should not be afraid," she says. "You should not be scared, because the fight is not just a solitary fight. It's not just you fighting against evil. I've always believed that if you're fighting for what is good, then you have the backing of the Lord."

Her No. 1 security, she says, is God and her foremost weapon, her faith. "When your time is up, your time is up," she says. "Even when you're sleeping, you know. So, as long as you are doing what is right, then you are prepared, no? As long as you have been living a clean life and your moral values have not been compromised, then that's where you get your strength. That's why I'm not afraid."

Neither is she afraid that her political enemies might be cooking up something against her. "I have only one husband," she laughs, "And I don't intend to have another one. I have five children—two boys, three girls. It's boy-girl-boy-girl, then girl, all good kids."

While some people can't say the same thing about the wiretapping and gambling witnesses under Chato's protection, she maintains that she's feels "very maternal" about them.

But then again, political observers might sneer, to a mother, her children can do no wrong.

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ADMIRABLE PERSONALITY

I would like to thank **SIM** for giving me a new personality to admire by publishing the story of Jean Houston ("Her Teachers Included Teilhard de Chardin, Margaret Mead, Eleanor Roosevelt—and LSD," **SIM**, 24 July 2005). I wish I had the chance to meet her when she was in the country. I myself am a student of psychology, and it's great to see this particular field of study being used to effect concrete development in the world, instead of seeming like a "passive" tool. to measure how people behave. It would be great if you could tell me how I can contact her so I can tell her directly what I think of the interesting work she's doing.

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THANKFUL FOR CHIZ

I just read the interview with Congressman Chiz Escudero by Ms. Alya B. Honasan ("Chiz The Whiz Takes Aim at the Upper House," **SIM**, 29 May 2005) and I'm really thankful for the information. I really admire politicians like him with a humble heart. Everytime I watch him on the TV news, I admire him even more for being soft spoken even when dealing with current annoying issues.

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Errata: *The title of last Sunday's "Pinoy Nga" cartoon (**SIM** August 7, 2005) should have been* "Sakit sa Utak" *and not* "Pangako ng Pag-ibig," *as inadvertently published. Although some readers will argue for the similarity between the two (!). **SIM** regrets the error—well, kind of.* - **Ed**

*In the story "Duds Locsin: She Makes Noise to Make Peace" (**SIM**, August 7, 2005), writer Agnes Espano mentions that the townfolk of Candoni sent their local officials to jail for illegal logging activities. She clarifies that the officials involved were actually from Don Salvador Benedicto town, and that their case is still pending in court. The writer apologizes for the error.* **-Ed**

*In the story "All in the Sporting Family" (**SIM**, 7 August 2005), the US Open was mistakenly reported to be held in Indian Wells. The US Open is held in Flushing Meadows, New York. SIM regrets the error.***-Ed**

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Poetry

'To Break'

In one infinitive, all of our living—
    from Old English, sir, *brecan*,
'to break', or Latin *frangere*,
to shatter or come apart,
with suddenness or violence.

All the uses of force—
    fracture, rupture, transgress,
invalidate a will or spell, make tractable
animal or foe, or utterly defeat,
the spirit crushed.

Or feats beyond common grasp—
    to cut a trail through the woods,
burst through custom, or fiction of race,
(break their frost, or break wind, away!)
break bread with your demon, and break free.

All nature too is a breakout—
    how it should astound!
every dawn breaks into song,
and as the waves breakdance ashore,
how keep your heart from breaking.

In that one infinitive, all our living, sir:
    through all doubt and denial,
what then shall yet break cover
and hold up without more pretense
our breakable worth?

Gémino H. Abad

Music Makers

by Eric S. Caruncho

Professor Toti Molina (center) conducts the Manila Symphony Orchestra while Cambio rocks the house

RAFFY LERMA

When Riffs Meet Rhapsodies

What happens when six local indie rock bands jam with the Manila Symphony Orchestra? Magic, says MSO violinist and musical wiz Chino David, who wrote the orchestral score for 'Rockestra'

ROCK is rock and classical is classical, and never the twain should meet. Or at least, almost never.

Like most shotgun weddings, the marriage of rock and classical music seldom works because it's entered into for the wrong reasons: by rockers out of a misguided sense of acquiring some kind of "legitimacy" as "real musicians"; by classical musicians to gain an amount of hip credibility and a slice of the desirable, ticket-buying youth demographic.

More often than not, the results of such miscegenation are lumbering, misshapen monstrosities, all pomp and no circumstance, such as Deep Purple's pretentious "Concerto for Group and Orchestra" (tellingly, performed only once in 1969 with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and promptly retired). More recent examples are bloated ego trips such as "Symphonic Yes" and Metallica's own symphonic outing.

Hybrids

At best, like Mark Twain's famous description of Wagner's music, most rock-classical hybrids are better than they sound. Besides, if it's so great, how come the first, last and in fact only time it's been tried here was 35 years ago, when the Juan de la Cruz Band essayed the aforementioned "Concerto for Group and Orchestra" (yep, the very same Deep Purple clunker) with the National Philharmonic at the CCP in 1971?

With very few exceptions, unless they're visionary pop geniuses—like the Beatles or Brian Wilson—rockers should stay away from the orchestra pit. And unless they're babes in low-cut dresses, like Vanessa Mae or Bond, classical musicians should never, ever, attempt to "rock."

So when I heard that six local indie bands were going to perform with the Manila Symphony Orchestra in a concert called—yipes!—"Rockestra," my first reaction was: "Why?"

On the other hand, when I learned that the bands were Sandwich, Sugarfree, Cambio, Twisted Halo, Imago and Silent Sanctuary, I decided to suspend judgement.

The first five bands form some kind of indie pop cartel, incestuously sharing members in common like a hippie free love commune: for instance, Ebe Dancel sings for Sugarfree and plays guitar for Cambio, Raimund Marasigan drums for Cambio and Sandwich, his wife Myrene Academia plays bass for Sandwich and Imago, Buddy Zabala plays bass for Cambio and Twisted Halo, Kris Dancel sings and plays guitar for Cambio and is married to Twisted Halo's Vin Dancel, and so on and so forth. Collectively, these guys have produced some of the more interesting work in the local music scene in the last five years, melding melodic pop hooks with a heavy, guitar wallop while retaining a sly, ironic edge to their lyrics. Some of them, notably Sugarfree, even managed to chart singles.

String section

Now the last band on the list, Silent Sanctuary, I'd never heard of before, but I learned from the press kit that they're probably the only outfit around with a string section (violin, viola, cello) and they count among their influences "Bob Marley, Dave Matthews, the Eraserheads, the Beatles, Metallica, Mozart, Beethoven and Yo-yo Ma."

Okaaayyy…

But more to the point, I also learned that its violinist, a young dude named Chino David, actually composed all the orchestration for "Rockestra." And he's not a composition major. Shucks, he's not even a music major.

"I'm an IT major," David admits. "But I've been thinking of this project since two years ago."

Some kind of prodigy, David started playing the violin when he was five. At age seven he was playing with the Manila Symphony's Children's Orchestra. In 1996, he started playing with the Manila Youth Orchestra. Now he's the revived Manila Symphony Orchestra's principal violist as well as playing violin with Silent Sanctuary.

As one of the few musicians straddling the classical and rock worlds, David thought of the concept for "Rockestra" as a way of turning rock audiences on to classical music.

"For people who don't listen to classical music, it's one way of bringing them closer to something they don't know, in a form that's more palatable to them," he says.

Finding a sympathetic producer in Thirdline, which incidentally also manages Cambio and Sugarfree, David started putting the concept on paper. Working with Sibelius (the software, not the composer), he started writing the orchestral score for the band's songs—no mean feat, considering that the MSO is a 46- to 50-piece orchestra.

"My first consideration was to choose songs that would fit the orchestra," he says. *"Yung madaling sakyan,* appropriate for an orchestra and something that people are familiar with so you can draw in the crowd."

In the end, each band chose three songs for the concert.

In his first attempt to write an orchestral score, David says he was heavily influenced by John Williams, best known for composing the music for "Star Wars" and many other blockbusters.

Trial and error

"I knew there were rules, but I didn't know what they were, so I went by trial and error," he says. "I would just listen, and I went with whatever sounded good to me. Then I would check it with friends who were composition majors. That's how I learned."

Some arrangements were completed in as little as 30 minutes, but others took as long as three days to complete. As a string player, David had to first figure out how to score for woodwinds and brass.

The fun really began when David and MSO conductor Toti Molina started rehearsals. Most bands go by feel, an intuitive, almost telepathic process that is developed over years of playing together, the group dynamic that gives rock its flavor and its kick. On the other hand, orchestra players depend on written notations and directions from the conductor to translate black dots on paper into the desired "feel."

"I consider the band the soloist, since they're carrying the melody," says Molina. "We're just accompanying them."

"This is the first time we've considered 'jamming' with rock bands," he adds. "It's good, because most young people think the orchestra is only for classical music, but it can also go with pop or even rock." Q

"Rockestra" will be performed at the Folk Arts Theater on Aug. 19. Tickets are available at the FAT and through the usual Ticketron outlets at P975/ P630/ P350/ P175/ P75. Call 891-9999 for inquiries and reservations. You may also call 879-4589 or e-mail manilasymphony@gmail.com.

Love Notes

Joe D. Mango

Falling in Love With My Husband

Others won't see anything wrong with it. After all, we're married—even if only on paper. The only problem is, he was just on loan to me by my aunt, who happens to be his girlfriend

Dear Joe,

I was supposed to write you about my relationship with Jay, my ex. As I am writing this, he is probably having a good time with his girlfriend, Grace. I was supposed to write you because I was so depressed after the breakup. But my life has changed dramatically since then.

I met Ian in 2002. He's an American who came to the Philippines to court my Auntie Rebecca. Auntie Rebecca was staying in the US too, but at that time, she was vacationing here in our country and brought Ian with her. I didn't like him at first. He was a snob, very reserved and didn't talk too much. They stayed here only for a short while before going back to the States.

In the year 2003, Jay and I became a couple. Though my parents didn't approve, I fought for him. Our relationship lasted for a year or so until I realized we were drifting apart from each other. He broke up with me to go back to his ex-girlfriend, Grace. Difficult as it was, I learned to set him free.

So how did Ian come back in the picture? Well, it was Auntie Rebecca and my family who planned it. Since my family wanted me to go to the States to work there, they set me up with Ian. They arranged a wedding for us, with no strings attached, of course, because Ian was Auntie Rebecca's boyfriend. The wedding would just be on paper, nothing more. I didn't want to be tied up with someone I don't love and don't even know but since I couldn't argue with my family, I finally agreed to the plan. Ian and I exchanged e-mails where I opened up

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The Writer's Life

by Ruel S. De Vera

This Fil-Canadian Writes Comics About Teens *and* Titans

Former teacher J. Torres is living his childhood dream: writing DC Comics' 'Teen Titans Go!,' among others. But it's his graphic novel 'Lola,' about the supernatural, that gives away the Filipino heritage he is so proud of

LIKE many great ideas transformed into reality with a roar of thunder and a puff of smoke, J. Torres began writing comics because he dreamed of doing so.

"I think I've always wanted to be a writer, and comic books were my first love. So it made sense to get started there even though I had aspirations to write children's books or work in TV as well. I wanted to both write and draw at one point, then realized I sucked at the art part so I concentrated on writing. So, yeah, I wanted to work in comics really early on, I just didn't know how to do it."

The 35-year-old Joseph Torres has certainly come a long way, because he is now the regular writer for DC Comics' "Teen Titans Go!" and the Oni Press series' "Love as a Foreign Language," and adds to the zany happenings over at the Cartoon Network's "Hi Hi Puffy Ami Yumi."

A former elementary school teacher, J. Torres was born in Manila but left for Canada when he was 4. After completing his B.A. in Communications Studies with a Diploma in Elementary Education from McGill University in Montreal, Torres broke into the comics scene with his semi-autobiographical "The Copybook Tales." This would lead to a zooming career in comics for both independent and mainstream publishers, writing, among others, stories for The Batman and the Uncanny X-Men, garnering nods from the Eisner, Harvey and Shuster Awards.

His upcoming project from Oni, the graphic novel "Lola: A Ghost Story," bears his unmistakable mix of humor and wonder, as well as a palpable Pinoy mystique. Reflecting on his comics career and his Filipino roots, the Toronto-based Torres talked with SIM through e-mail about all that has happened and what comes next:

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Q: How young were you when you began reading comic books and which made an early impression on you? Who are your big comic book influences?

A: I can't even remember how old I was when I first started reading comic books. Some people can remember the first comics they ever read, I can't. I guess I was pretty young at the time. But I do remember being a big fan of the DC characters, particularly the Justice League and Teen Titans. I'm sure watching the "Super Friends" cartoon nurtured that. As for influences, it's a long, long list. And it's different for different times in my life, different projects I've worked on, etc. But I can thank everyone from Charles Schulz and Bill Waterson to Grant Morrison to Evan Dorkin to Rumiko Takahashi, for making me want to create comic books in some way or the other.

Q: "The Copybook Tales" came out in 1996. How do you feel about the series now, years later?

A: I've always said it was "semi-autobiographical." Half the cast consisted of composites of family members and friends, but the main characters Jamie and Thatcher were very much me and Tim Levins, who drew the book. Some of the situations they found themselves in were things that actually happened to us, while others were fictionalized. Looking back, I sometimes cringe at some of the storytelling, the corny lines, bad jokes, etc. But overall, I'm pretty proud of it. We were still learning our craft at the time, and everything that happened because of that series led me to this point in my career. People tend to say they wouldn't change a thing when they reflect on the past. I tend to say I wouldn't change much.

Q: You've written for Batman and The X-Men and are currently the regular writer of Teen Titans Go! How does it feel being able to write these characters? Any favorites?

A: It's great. I mean, I grew up reading these characters, imagining stories of my own starring them in my head, and here I am actually being paid to do that for an audience now. I feel very lucky that I'm in a business that allows me to be creative and childish and love what I do to the extent that it doesn't feel like work most of the time. I've always had a special place in my heart for the Teen Titans. And sometimes I still can't believe that I'm working on a series based on characters who were favorites of mine in high school. A series that's even seeing print in Psi-Com's DC Kids in the Philippines! Who would have known that would happen to me? And not only that, but the series I work on is geared towards kids. I've been writing all-ages comics for years with the hope that it would bring more readers to the fold. So, I see "Teen Titans Go!" as an opportunity of a lifetime, one that I feel comes with a certain responsibility. I take this job seriously, but I'm having a blast doing it!

Q: Your upcoming graphic novel, "Lola: A Ghost Story," clearly carries a Pinoy flavor. Tell us, how did this come about?

A: "Lola" combines family stories about my maternal grandmother and various Filipino folk tales with a little magic realism and good old fashioned campfire storytelling thrown in for good measure. It's inspired by parts of my childhood and is a blur of fact and fiction.

Q: Any other projects in the works after "Lola"?

A: "Dead Goombas" is my next project for Oni Press. That one's about zombies terrorizing some mobsters. It's a comedy. I'm also working on some more Teen Titans-related stuff for DC, but can't really talk about that just yet. Outside of comics, I'm contributing stories to Cartoon Network's "Hi Hi Puffy Ami Yumi" show. I've got a story in season two and two stories in season
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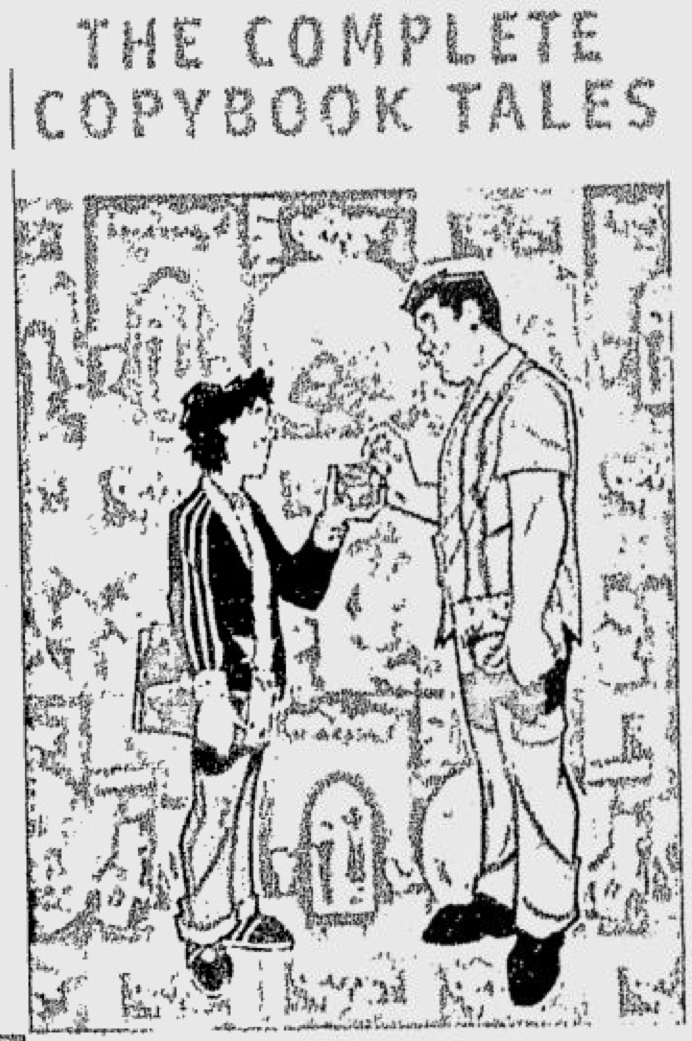

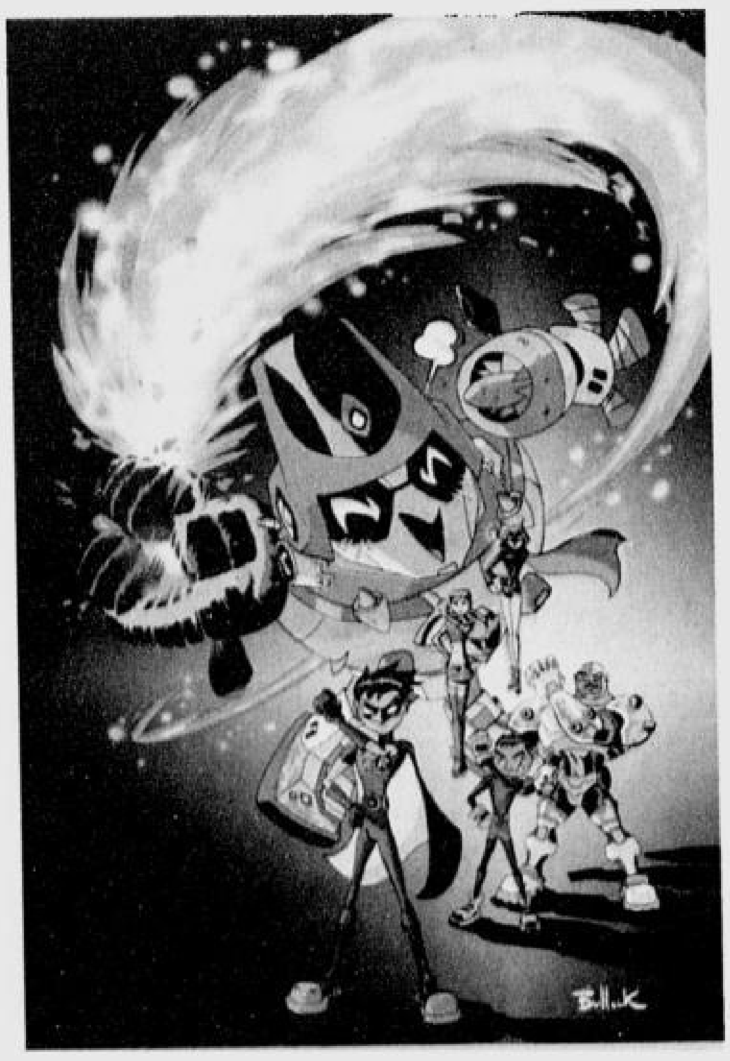

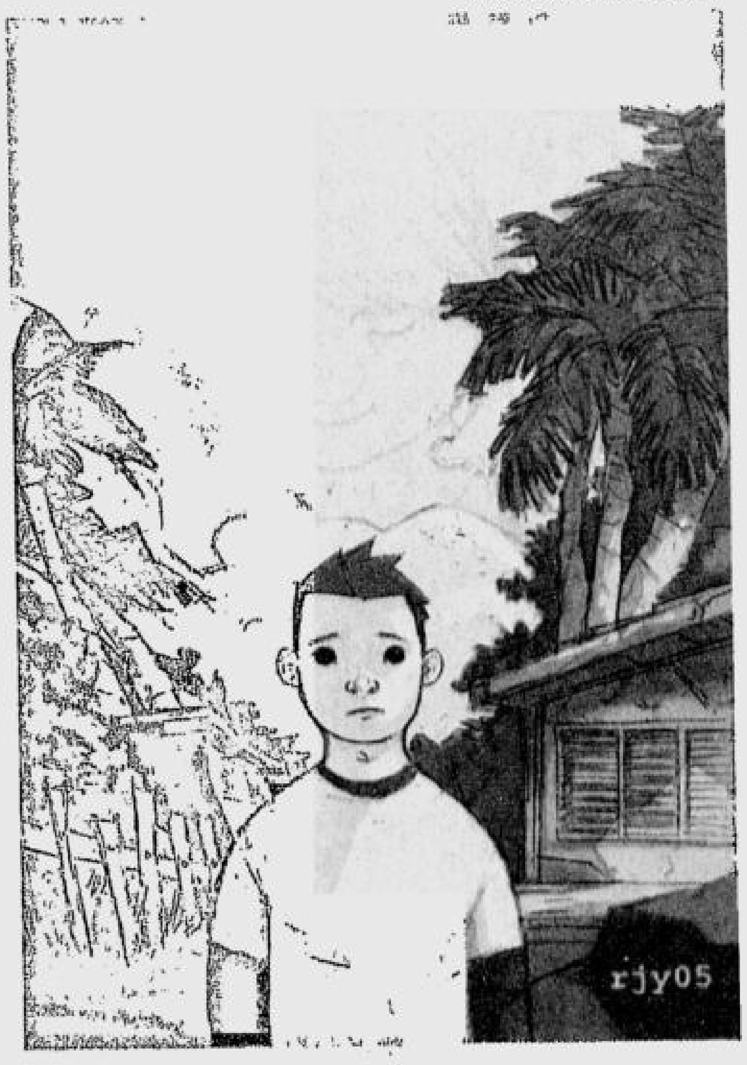

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For A Cause

*text and photographs
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'*Tito* Judge' Defends the Abused Children of Davao

After being moved by child abuse cases in his courtroom, Davao RTC Judge Jesus Quitain has dedicated his off-hours to helping innocent victims create new and better memories

THREE sensational cases involving the maltreatment and abuse of minors in 1997 made Davao City Trial Court Judge Jesus Vera Quitain realize that it is not enough to just mete out punishment for child abusers.

Aside from the physical need of providing shelter for abused children, Quitain saw first-hand how emotionally draining a trial can be for an abused child. "When I tried a series of cases involving minors, one in particular was very touching. She was raped by her grandfather when she was only three years old and she testified in court when she was six or seven years old.

"They had a hard time trying to get her to focus her attention on the proceedings, because she was too upset and she didn't know what to do because the grandfather was there," Quitain recalls, wincing at the memory of the troubled look on the minor's face during the entire trial.

"That made me realize that I should help in any way possible. And for this I went to Balay Dangupan, which provides a temporary shelter for abused children and sees to their rehabilitation."

Founded in 1994, the Crisis Intervention Center originally catered to men, women and children. But in 1996, when cases of abuse involving children and women rose, the center was renamed Balay Dangupan, literally House of Refuge, and catered solely to the needs of the children.

Quitain said that there is now a special attachment between him and Balay, especially after the first Christmas Party that he attended.

"For the last part of the Christmas program, the children were to hug the guests. Most of the children cried after hugging one or two of the old people, like me. So I asked the staff why they were crying and they answered that the children said they missed their parents, even if they were the ones who hurt them the most."

Quitain said they were hungry but they could not eat because the kids were crying. So to stop their tears, he told them that he would give them a Christmas treat.

Kept promise

"We ate and I kept my promise. I had no money, so I called on some friends," he said. A bus was quickly dispatched by one of his friends and the children spent the day outside the foster home.

Inadvertently, Quitain had started what would now be a traditional Christmas outing with the Balay wards, where he is joined by his wife Gladys, children Yasmin, 35, Fatima, 31 and Zamira, 22, and friends. "Every year we would prepare used clothing, and we would ask our neighbors to do the same thing. And then we would bring all these to the center."

It was a characteristic thing to do for this public official with a soft spot for his hometown and its people. Born in Davao City on Christmas Day 1941, Quitain has long walked the streets of the city that were once his playground. He may very well be one of Davao's historians, as he can narrate stories of elders and other old timers as if they happened only yesterday.

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The eldest son of the late Judge Pedro Quitain and Patrosinio Vera, he came with his family to Davao from Misamis Oriental before the war. All the Quitain children were born and raised in Davao City. A member of UP Law Class '62, the judge had a private practice from 1964 to 1985 before he started teaching law at the University of Mindanao. In 1985, then President Ferdinand Marcos appointed him judge.

"*Tito* Judge," as he is fondly called by the wards, questions the kind of memories these abused and abandoned children would have and decided to do something to change that. His own children have always been his priority, as he and his wife made sure that weekends were sacred family days. Early on, the Quitain couple realized how important it was to spend time with their kids before they discovered groupmates, boyfriends and girlfriends. "I always wanted my children to think of the pleasant memories they had with me. When they want to reminisce about something good, they will always have something good to remember."

It is in the same light that the growing number of "Friends of Balay Dangupan" want to give the young wards better memories from where they can draw strength. At present there are groups, some organized by Quitain, that take turns in hosting dinners, doling out gasoline allowance and the like.

Rebuilding lives

Quitain stresses the importance of rebuilding the shattered lives of children who are really just beginning their lives. "Outside help from other people is essential, for without it, they might not be able to survive emotionally," he say. " The physical aspect is not so important. It is the emotions, and how they relate to other people, that are much more vital.

"When you are exposed to abused children, you don't really have time to feel sorry for yourself. And no matter how depressed you are or how much tension or stress there is within yourself, when you see others who are in a worse situation, it lightens your load. When you do something good for them, the cross you carry, so to speak, becomes lighter, and you will survive. This is what I call recharging my emotional life. We meet the kids every Sunday at the San Pablo church. When they come we talk, we hug each other. I feel good and I think I can last another week until I see them again."

Following the path

This emotional recharging would not have had the same impact without faith, says the good judge. "If I did not have my faith, I don't think I would have the same feelings for the children. I know this sounds corny, but I'm just following the path that the Lord prepared. So, whatever it is, if it is for the children, I do it."

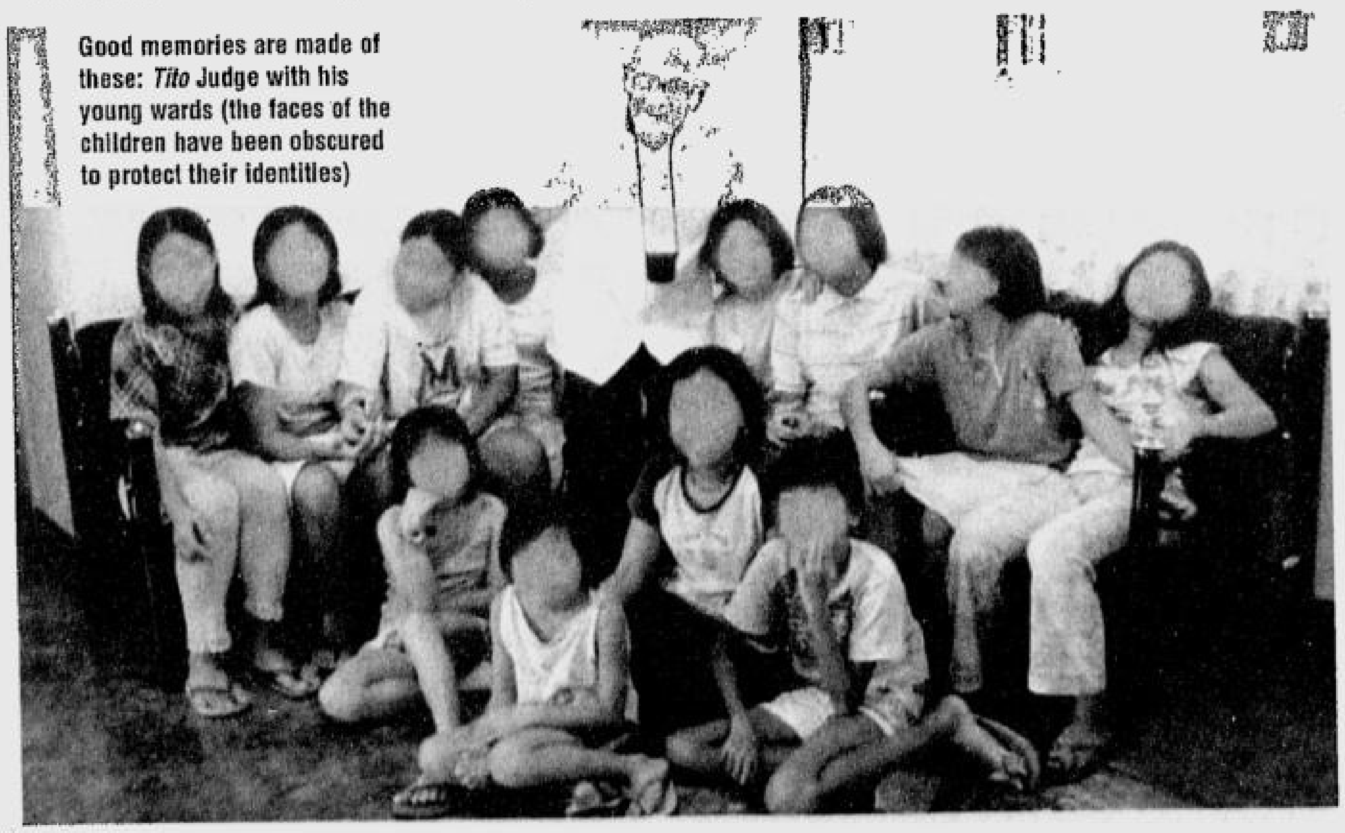
Quitain credits his awareness of child abuse to former President Cory Aquino. "If it were not for her, all these things about protection for women and children would not have surfaced."

Quitain, who recently marked 20 years as Regional Trial Court judge, adds, "Davao is the only city with this kind of training. Aside from that, we are the first to have a Women Development Code and Child Development Code. Other cities might follow, and that is a good start. The point is, we have something going on to protect children. Most Asian countries don't have these policies."

He also vouches for the decrease in the number of abuse cases in the city. "The awareness level has risen because of the laws, and with the cooperation of non-governmental organizations. Subconsciously they now know that if you do something bad to children in Davao City, you will get into trouble."

In last year's Kadayawan festival, unfamiliar faces dominated the grandstand. Their angelic and cherubic smiles lit up the gallery normally occupied by VIPs and celebrities. That day, the Balay wards were the special guests of city Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

Whether they will be in the grandstand again this year or not, these children will always be special in the heart of *Tito* Judge, who will always champion their rights and make sure that they have better tomorrows to erase the nightmares of yesterday. Q



Good memories are made of these: *Tito* Judge with his young wards (the faces of the children have been obscured to protect their identities)

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Twists of Fate

by Joy Rojas

Leaving Fear Behind To Teach The Right Moves

RYAN LIM

IT was while officiating a volleyball tournament with high school students at the Arellano University in Pasay when Sasie Ducay, then 37 and by her estimate, "an A1 English and PE teacher," suddenly had a stroke. Only she didn't know it.

"All of a sudden, my face felt hot, I couldn't talk, and I felt a numbness on my right side," she recalls. Drooling and tearing uncontrollably as well, she caused a commotion among students and teachers who rushed her to the school clinic where her condition was confirmed. Given medication and asked to rest, Ducay napped for 30 minutes, then got up, left the clinic, and resumed officiating the game! This time, the school administration put its foot down: the stubborn teacher was ordered to go straight home. Ducay did, only to make a pit stop in Cubao where she shopped for groceries. By the time she arrived home, chills and a fever had set in. Her boyfriend, whom she contacted along the way, took her to the hospital, where "my check-up became my check-in," she quips.

Confined for almost two months, Ducay recovered through bed rest, medication and self-administered physical therapy. Paralyzed completely on her right side, she regained her ability to speak with mouth exercises she taught her students at Speech class. Her ability to move, meanwhile, was restored through hydrotherapy. Ducay, who still had use of her left hand, applied a hot compress on her right side every hour on the hour of her two-month confinement. "It's very, very, very effective," she swears. "By the second week, I could feel again." Upon her discharge from the hospital, Ducay, who developed a distorted facial expression and used to drag her right leg when she walked, showed no sign of every having had a stroke.

An effective life

If the stroke did leave its mark, it was on her heart and soul. "*Malakas ako sa Kanya,*" she whispers, pointing skyward. "So in my prayers, I'd say, 'Lord, if you want me to live, please don't make me live like a vegetable. I want to live an effective life.'" Sensing she had a mission, the teacher discovered through the course of her confinement that what she really wanted to do was dance. "I am a good teacher, I know," she states emphatically. "But when I had the stroke, I realized, I am an artist."

Thus, when Arellano University recommended she take a year off to recuperate completely, Ducay signed up for a slew of dance lessons-ballet, jazz, ballroom, Hawaiian, Latin-under seasoned instructors Vella Damian, Shirley Halili Cruz, Marivic Villa, Jenny and Myra Beltran, and a host of visiting Russian teachers. The plan was to teach dance some day, so Ducay, who had some dance experience but no formal training, insisted on being placed alongside toddlers and 12-year-olds.

At 5'3" and with an 18-inch waistline and curves in all the right places, the then thirtysomething Ducay could have easily passed for someone half her age. Still, the newcomer stood out in more ways than one. "Are you our teacher?" gawked four-year-olds at her. "No," she said, "I'm your classmate." Instructors, meanwhile, marveled at her flexibility and effortlessness: imagine being able to do a split for the first time at 37! "It's in me, it's innate," says Ducay of dancing. "Latebloomer *lang ako*."

On call

Ducay, who would eventually leave life in the academe, opened her own dance school, Fitness Lane, at Farmer's Plaza in Cubao in 1980. When the commercial establishment burned down, she moved to Celebrity Sports Plaza. She also taught in the Cultural Center of the Philippines and at some of her mentors' schools.

Today, Ducay, a youthful 65, teaches "everywhere. I'm on call." By that she means she could be at St. Vincent's in Teacher's Village, Quezon City on one day, or, as on the afternoon of her interview, at Gota de Leche, a woman's shelter in S. Loyola, Legarda on another. It is here that she offers dance therapy to survivors of abuse and violence through the Kalakasan support group.

An unexpected stroke at 37 sparked this woman's reinvention from terror teacher to a mellowed and compassionate dance instructor

"Yes!" she answers confidently when asked if she can teach anybody to dance. "I'll return what you paid me and won't charge you if you don't learn. That is my guarantee." And yes, she is still an effective teacher, though for different reasons this time around. Once a terror who shamed students in class and instilled fear among her fellow teachers and even the school principal, Ducay says her style now is "to never project anger to students, especially the beginners. They come to you because they know nothing about what you're teaching," she reasons. "So I never end a class without leaving my students with something they can make use of."

While age and experience may have mellowed this former terror teacher considerably, dance-or, more specifically, the opportunity to finally pursue a passion-could also be the reason behind her kinder, gentler ways. The third-born and only girl in a brood of six, Persa Ducay, a prayerful child "from the time I could make the Sign of the Cross," first fancied the life of a Carmelite nun. "Pero ayaw ng mother ko." Her dreams of becoming a lawyer or doctor were dashed too when her father pointed out that her two brothers were already studying the courses. A popular radio announcer even before she entered college, Ducay (or Sasie as she was known in radio stations in her native Sorsogon, Legazpi and for a while, on DZBB) was forced to give that up as well because her boyfriend asked her to. Teaching then "just came up" for Ducay who graduated with a major in English and a minor in Physical Education at Arellano University's main branch in Legarda. Nevertheless, she made a solid career out of it, teaching in the very same school for 23 years.

Original ambition

From the sound of it, dance doesn't seem to be Ducay's last profession. Having stayed single all these years ("*Pero ligawin ako ha*, [But a lot of guys liked me]," she informs), she is toying with the idea of pursuing her original ambition. "They told me there's no age limit," says Ducay who recently made inquiries about entering the convent. "So I said, 'Sister, *puwede pa ba ako?*" "I'm not the one who can answer that," was the reply. The religious life requires readiness, she was told, and if her mind and heart are elsewhere, then it may not yet be her time.

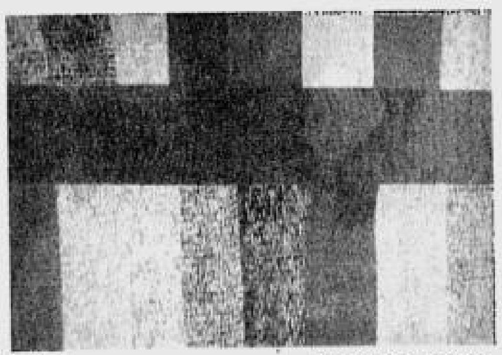
Or it may not be her true calling. A doting aunt and grand-aunt to the children and grandchildren of the brother born after her, she and he are the only ones left of a family whose members all passed away, as it turns out, from a stroke. "I don't want to go yet. *Kawawa yung maiiwan*. I want to take care of everybody. Maybe that's why I had the stroke so early," she reflects. "So people with the same ailment who read this article will have some hope. So I can help others when they have it." ◼

Contact Sasie Ducay for individual or group dance lessons through cellphone number (0919) 833-1552. The Kalakasan support group for VAW survivors can be reached at hotline no. 735-5555.

This Week

Art

The Metropolitan Museum of Manila is running the following exhibits: **Ginto: Images of Gold in Philippine Painting** showcasing artworks from the BSP Collection as it explores the varying themes of gold in Philippine painting (until November); **Vuhawan: Gold in Ivatan Life** (until September) featuring exquisite, intricate pieces of superb craftsmanship from the islands of Batanes; and **Artes at Angkan: Power, Patronage and Production in the 19th Century** (until September) presenting fine portraits, the exceptional 19th century hair-embroidery landscapes by Adelaida Paterno and an extensive array of personal memorabilia illustrating the passions and preoccupations of life in 19th century Manila. The Museum is located at the BSP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. For details, call 523-7855 and 524-0876.



Juan Alcazaren's "Coming Misconception #I," on view at Finale Makati

Anonymity, an installation exhibit by Poklong Anading that involves photographs, from Aug. 18-30 at Finale Art Gallery, The Artwalk, 4/L, SM Megamall A.For details, call 634-2410.

Coming Misconceptions, an exhibit of paintings in oil and acrylic by Juan Alcazaren at Finale Makati, LaO Centre, corner Pasay Road and Makati Avenue. For details, call 815-1813.

Harvest of Saints, a selection of Philippine religious paintings from the 17th century to the 19th century from the collection of Vicky Vizcarra Amalingan. Until Nov. 13 at the fourth floor gallery of the Ayala Museum, Makati Avenue corner Dela Rosa Street, Makati City. For details, call 757-7117 to 21.

Music

Rockestra brings together six of Manila's finest rock bands and the prestigious Manila Symphony Orchestra. Imago, Cambio, Sandwich, Silent Sanctuary, Sugarfree and Twisted Halo will share the stage with the MSO in a collaboration that will happen on Aug. 19 at the Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas (formerly Folk Arts Theater) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the CCP Ticket Booth, major National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Department Store (Malate, Galleria, Cavite and Pampanga), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum, Greenbelt I Ticket Booth Cinema Lobby, Glorietta I Ticket Booth Cinema Lobby and Ticketworld (tel. 891-9999).

This month @ **mag:net café**: See Mishka Adams and Cynthia Alexander who perform at mag:net monthly. Come to the Open Mic hosted by San Francisco-based Joel Merchan. mag:net is home to SPIT every Thursday. Every Tuesday experience a wild and zany night with Romeo Lee's choice of performances. It's electronica month—Drip, Nyko Maca, Trip M and Ampon. Oakley launches the perfect musical companion Oakley Thump featuring DRT and Blow as performers. Mag:net café is located at the 2/L, Agcor Building, Katipunan. For reservations, call 929-3191.

Schedule of **performances at Fiesta San Miguel** at Dusit Hotel Nikko: It's "Open Mic" with Kearni and Jun Lacanienta on Tuesdays; Acoustic Night with Infloence on Wednesdays; Retro Night with Route 70 on Thursdays; and R & B Night with 24K/7 on Fridays. Kat of Unity performs on Saturdays. For inquiries, contact 867-8888.

The Cascades, the group that popularized the songs "Rhythm of the Rain," "Shy Girl," "Punch and Judy" and "The Last Leaf" in the '60s, will hold a reunion concert billed as **The Cascades—Encore**. The concert will bring back all of the group's well-loved songs and will be headlined by the original members of the group minus drummer Dave Wilson. The first show will be on Sept. 9, 8 p.m. at the Araneta Coliseum. There will also be a dinner show on Sept. 10 at the Manila Hotel. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and showtime is at 8:30 p.m. For tickets, call 911-5555 or visit the Araneta Coliseum Box Office or SM Ticketnet outlets at any SM Department Store.

Onstage

Dulaang UP's **St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos... The Musical** will have an extended run at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, 2/F, Palma Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City. The story traces the journey of Bulan, a Bagobo, with other tribal Filipinos to the infamous St. Louis Exposition of 1904. It will be staged on Aug. 14, 20 and 21 at 10 a.m. with a 3 p.m. show on Aug. 14. For inquiries, call Jo-Anne Quiros at 0922-4826768.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation celebrates its 28th season with its second production line-up, *Kanser (Noli Me Tangere)*. The focal point of the story is the homecoming of Crisostomo Ibarra, a young man fresh from his European studies brimming with hope and passion, to rekindle his burning flame with Maria Clara, only to discover that a greater fire is engulfing the populace as greed reigns. Performances are slated on Aug. 21, 6 p.m., Concert at the Park Open-Air Auditorium, Luneta, Manila; Aug. 24, 10 a.m./2 p.m., Assumpta Theater, Assumption College, Antipolo City; Aug. 26-28, 10 a.m./2 p.m., AFP Theater; Sept. 2-4, 10 a.m./2 p.m., St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College, Manila; Sept. 7, 10 a.m./2 p.m., Angelo King Performing Arts Center, De La Salle-Santiago Zobel, Muntinlupa City; and Sept. 10, RFC Cinema, Las Piñas City. For tickets, call 899-5745 and 896-3503.

Cinema

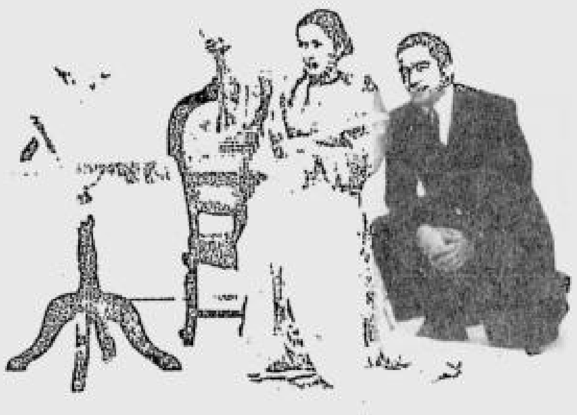
2005 **Cinemanila** Advanced Screenings presents **Belgian Film Week**, August 15-23 at SM Centerpoint and SM Manila cinemas. Featured movies are "My Life in Pink," "Toto The Hero," "LI (Between the Devil and Deep Blue Sea," "Gilles' Wife," "The Sacrament," "Meisje (The Girl)," "The Promise," "Pauline and Paulette," "Sky + Sky," "Calvaire (The Ordeal)" and "The Kiss.

Food

The **Richmonde Hotel's Lobby Café** presents **new and exciting treats** baked fresh daily. Among the latest offerings are Cinnamon Walnut Danish, the chewy and chocolate-laden Nutty Fudge, and the soft and flavorful Mango and Blueberry Muffins. All-time favorites like Ensaymada, Fruit Danish, Banana Walnut Bread, Choco Chips Moist Cake, Chicken and Tuna Turnover, Sausage Roll, Asado Roll and Corned Beef Pandesal are also available plus a variety of cookies selection. For orders and inquiries, call 638-7777 ext. 3732.

Prince Albert Rotisserie at InterContinental Manila has an ongoing **Provençale-Mediterranean Gourmet Food Promotion** available for lunch Monday to Friday. A guest can order as much as he likes from an a la carte menu and enjoy bottomless wines with his meals. A popular choice in the menu is Fettuccini aux Fruits de Mer (Meli Melo of Seafood sautéed with Herb Pasta). For reservations, call 815-9711.

This August, welcome the change in season with sumptuous **Banana Chocolate Gateau** at Makati Shangri-La's Sinfully Circles. Tangy sautéed bananas nestle beneath a rich, velvety chocolate mousse in this dessert topped with slightly caramelized bananas and a dollop of cream. For inquiries, call 813-8888 loc. 7588/7463.



Gantimpala Theater Foundation stages "Kanser" this August and September

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules

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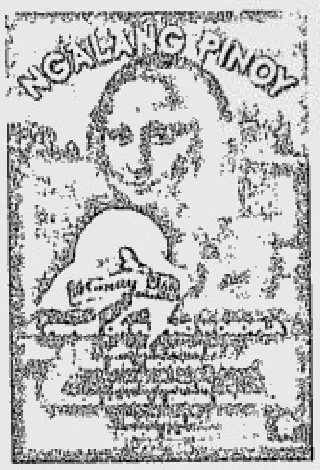
Natural Eyesight Care Workshop. Relearn the correct vision habits to see easily and clearly using the Bates Method and other holistic health care techniques. Suitable for computer eye strain, myopia, presbyopia, and farsightedness. Free intro lecture on Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-12noon at InTouch Community Services, 48 McKinley Road, Makati. Workshop starts Sept. 3. Call 893-1893, 810-6233 or text 0917-4810961.

The Corporate Mind Management Consultancy and Executive Training presents Joscephine Gomez's **Prescriptions for English Fluency seminar** on Aug. 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. , and on Aug. 22 to 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at The Corporate Mind Training Room, Mega Plaza, ADB Avenue corner Garnet Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The seminar-workshop focuses on the most common errors in English and systematically guides the student in the mastery of the language. The workshop includes conversation practice as well as extemporaneous speaking. For registration details, call 687-7898 or 0919-8763770.

The **Miriam College Unesco Youth Club** in coordination with the Alternative LyfStyle Marketing and Consultancy will hold an **Eco-trade fair** on Aug. 16-18 at the college parking lot, Miriam College, Katipunan Road, Quezon City with the theme "*Bento ko, Ikauunlad Mo.*" The eco-trade fair profiles a number of micro and small businesses with exciting display of Pinoy ingenuity translated in selected green technologies, eco-friendly products and produce, arts and crafts, healthy/organic food, personal and home care products, pet care products, home décor, eco-books, and many more. The fair will also feature Pinoy inventions and green technologies. The fair is open to public.



Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz's "*Ngalang Pinoy*" will be launched on Aug. 29

Rita Neri of The Wedding Store in cooperation with Assumption College offers a two-part program on wedding coordination, **Introduction to Professional Wedding Coordination**, from Aug. 22 to 26 at the Mother Carmen Graduate School Center of Assumption College, San Lorenzo Village in Makati City. The course includes overviews on event management and wedding coordination business, wedding budget / time line preparations, supplier requirements and negotiations, on the day work and preparation, client management, start-up business basics and dealing with ethical and moral issues. Top wedding professionals will also be on hand as resource speakers as well as actual ceremony and reception on-site visit. The second part of the certification program, Advance Professional Wedding Coordination, will be held during the last quarter of the year. For inquiries, call Anna at 840-1897, 840-3359 or 893-0534.

Red Door, a multimedia communications outfit, will be holding a **Corporate Writing Seminar** on August 26 in Makati City. Communications and Marketing practitioners are invited to attend so they can learn to write their own communications materials. Simple advertising requirements like company newsletters, brochures and press releases need not be outsourced if employees have the capability to develop effective in-house materials. The seminar will be from 9am to 5pm. Seminar fee is P4,000 per participant. Discounts will be given to those who will register before August 16, 2005, and those who will register in groups. The fee includes seminar materials, snacks and lunch. For details, call Sheila at 813-7264.

Fashion shop **Maldita and The Spa** join forces for a special August promotion. For every P2,000 single receipt purchase at any Maldita branches entitles customers to a one-time visit members' rate at The Spa. On the other hand, valued patrons of The Spa will be issued coupons for Maldita discount cards upon availing of the special monthly packages. The new Maldita discount cards can be claimed at any of the shop's branches starting Aug. 15.

Savor Banana Chocolate Gateau at Makati Shangri-La's Sinfully Circles

Tahanan Books celebrates Filipinos as marvelous wordsmiths with the launching of ***Ngalang Pinoy*: A Primer on Filipino Wordplay** on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. at Jaymi's Grill/Par 43 at Fort Bonifacio. Beginning with hilarious names we give our babies, the book is replete with examples of the funniest names Pinoys have coined under the sun, from laundromats to movie titles. From the makers of the runaway bestseller "You Know You're Filipino If... a Pinoy Primer," the ribtickling companion volume is edited by Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz, illustrated and photographed by Dindo Llana, and with additional photography by Dindin Najera. The book will be available in September at National Bookstore, Powerbooks and Fully Booked. For inquiries, call Carlos Navarro at 818-2482 or email carlos@tahananbooks.com.

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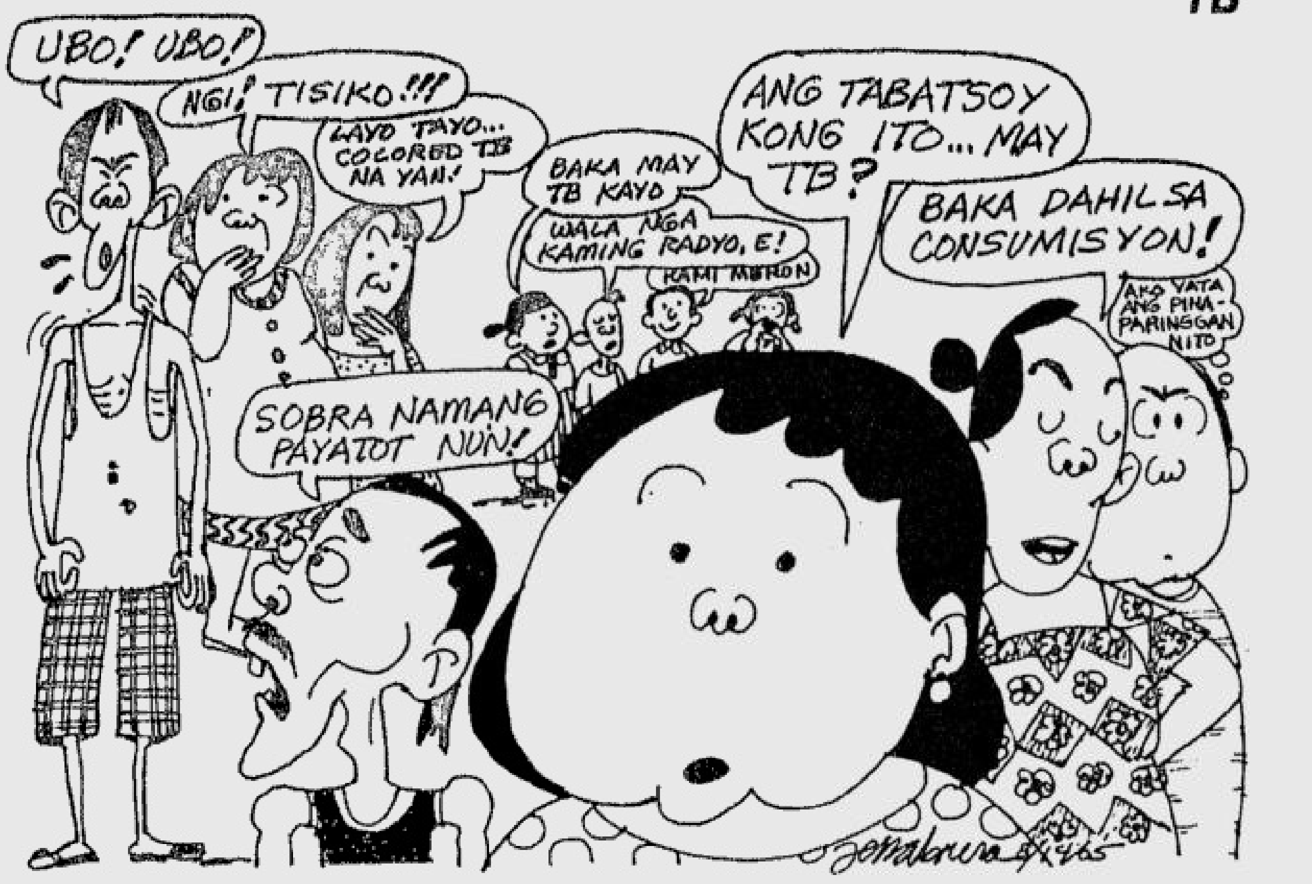
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LoveNotes

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my fears and doubts to him. I even told him about my past relationship with Jay, and he assured me I need not worry because he would go through with the "marriage" just to help me.

Nothing seemed to be wrong, not until he came here for the wedding. Ian and I just found ourselves falling for each other. It was a wonderful feeling. I never thought I could feel this way again after what I had gone through with Jay.

Ian stayed here in the Philippines only for a week. My Auntie Rebecca called him right after our wedding and told Ian to go back there as soon as he could. Auntie checked up on him once in a while. It seemed that she was afraid that something intimate might happen between him and me. To tell you the truth, nothing that "intimate" happened. He was the perfect gentleman. I've really missed him since he returned to the States. He's been sending me text messages and e-mail just to let me know he's been thinking of me.

It was so hard, Joe, since he was still in a relationship with Auntie Rebecca, though he told me that their relationship was on the rocks. He said he had really loved my Auntie Rebecca, but he realized that she didn't really love him; she only wants him to do things for her like he was her servant. He didn't realize that until he met me and learned that he could be loved the way he deserves to be loved.

At first Ian planned to take things slowly. He was considerate of Auntie's feelings and didn't want to hurt her. After a few e-mails, he finally decided to break up with Auntie Rebecca and told her about his feelings for me. I really didn't know how to explain it to her. She e-mailed me back telling me how hurt she is, and that if I take Ian away from her, she will cut me off as family. She told me she felt betrayed.

Joe, I am also hurting. I never wanted this to happen. But it did: I fell in love with my husband. Others won't see anything wrong with it. After all, we're married. The only problem is, my husband was also my Auntie's boyfriend.

Tell me what to do, Joe. I told Ian I was willing to let him go, that he really belongs to my Auntie. But he said he's made his choice and he's chosen me. He told me to fight for our love, and that's what I'm doing now. I already told my parents about this, and they are on our side. For the first time in my life, I don't feel alone. Do you think our love is worth fighting for? I believe it is.

Mareanne

Dear Mareanne,

It must have been really hard for your Aunt Rebecca to accept the fact that her good intentions earned her an opposite result. What she feels right now is valid and I don't think anyone would want to feel betrayed. In a way, I guess she was, but she should have weighed the possible consequences of letting her boyfriend marry you even just on paper.

I don't think it was your fault that you and Ian fell in love with each other. You were very vulnerable to your feelings because you actually exchanged vows in a real ceremony. The connection that you and Ian had inevitably brought what was a sham to a level of reality. So real that you actually fell in love with each other.

Mareanne, sometimes the only permanence we find is in what other people lose. Your aunt lost Ian to you . But I guess it was destined to be that way. Feeling sorry for someone can make us irrational when it comes to love. But no matter how sorry you feel, that wouldn't change the fact that you and Ian are in love with each other.

Tell you Aunt that you feel sorry that this had to happen and tell her that you honestly never had any intention of hurting her feelings. God knows what is in your heart and let Him and no one else judge you for what you have done or failed to do. Rebecca can curse you all her life but that is something that she has to deal with herself.

It is inevitable that people sometimes have to get hurt to make others happy. Now it was your aunt's turn. But her life doesn't end here. She has to learn to move on and accept the fact that she can never be with a man whose heart belongs to someone else.

If you really love Ian then let that love be worth fighting for. There is a time and a season for everything. This is your time. Be thankful that you have been blessed with the gift of true love. And always remember that sometimes the opportunity to be with a person we love comes only once in a lifetime. Don't miss this chance . It might not come again. Be happy in love, Mareanne. You deserve it!

The Reel Life

by Alya B. Honasan

A Star On Stage, A Reluctant Leading Lady On Film

She may be one of Philippine theater's most luminous and talented actresses, but even Irma Adlawan is apprehensive about her first leading role in an independent film—and what could come next after this career milestone

RAFFY LERMA

AFTER 22 years of performing, ever since she stepped into the lights as a fresh-faced Helena in a 1983 Dulaang UP production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," one of the country's most accomplished stage actresses is finally getting accosted in public—and she's not sure she likes it.

After many forays into film and television, it was Irma Adlawan's role in the GMA 7 fantaserye "Encantadia" that finally got people asking if she was the lady on TV, and whispering behind her in the supermarket check-out counter. "I never considered myself to be in the mainstream," Adlawan says with a laugh. Even for this interview, as she's walking into Bizu in Greenbelt all dressed up for a film event that evening, people steal glances at the woman with the hearty laugh and glowing skin and probably ask themselves, now *where* have I seen her before? "I still want my anonymity, I still want to take the bus without anyone noticing me. It's hard *pala* when they look at you! *Nakaka*-paranoid!"

All that may change even more. After appearing in two well-received indie films during the recent Cinemalaya independent film festival—husband Dennis Marasigan's "*Sa* North Diversion Road" and Rica Arevalo's "ICU Bed No. 7"—Adlawan is finally the leading lady in Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil's "*Mga Pusang Gala*," another independent film set for mainstream screening this August 17. In the film "about love and surviving it," Irma plays Marta, and co-stars with real-life good buddy Ricky Davao, who plays Marta's gay friend.

Bigger boobs

"Yes, it was a labor of love," Adlawan says. "But the project was good, the offer was good, and given the chance to play the lead, why not? It was a chance to do something else, other than being the mother or friend or sister of somebody." Adlawan met the film's director and producer Ongkeko-Marfil only when she was asked to audition for the film, Ongkeko-Marfil's "pet project," which was written by Jun Lana and adapted by Rody Vera. "I was one of the many actresses who auditioned," says Adlawan candidly. "I heard the producer was actually eyeing Cherry Pie Picache or Angel Aquino or someone with bigger boobs. But I think she was banking on my acting experience rather than the physical attributes."

And what experience it has been, essaying roles from Sisa and Hedda Gabler to Mother Lily, and working with such directors as Chito Roño and Joel Lamangan. It is, however, the first time for this youthful-looking mother of four children, aged 6 to 20, and wife of 21 years to Cultural Center of the Philippines Assistant Vice President for Marketing Dennis Marasigan, to show some skin on film. "I had a bed scene, and even a nude scene. *Medyo* scary. But Dennis was not at all affected; I gave him the script, he read it, he saw the requirements of my character. When we were shooting the love scene, he was actually waiting in the car, asleep!"

After cutting her teeth on stage classics, Adlawan has long filled the niche for the dependable on-screen best friend, supporting character to the lead, or the eternal mater dolorosa who can summon grief at the drop of a hat. "If people think of me more often in dramatic roles, that's fine with me. I like doing comedy, but they don't see me doing that. I do get scared doing comedy, as it's hard to make people laugh." Is the acting style different for each of the three media she's working in, stage, television or film? "It doesn't make any difference when you attack a role, as you look for the same truth in each of the mediums. Only the technical aspects differ. But I get different highs in films and theater. In film, when you graph your character, it's not chronological; you have to know where you're coming from immediately. There's additional adrenaline that moves you to study more. In doing a play, you get to understand more, look at your role through how co-actors talk about you."

Something for the soul

She still does much work "for the love of it. I find other ways of making a living and other ways of doing something for my soul. That division is very clear."

Whatever she's doing, however, Adlawan believes in the discipline of her craft. "I've had my share of sad moments, but I'm scared to get into my own personal experience. I use some of it, but not all of it. You can't give everything, or you'll lose control. As an actor, you still need to have that conscious mind working. You can't lose yourself, as you have to give something of your real self to make a role yours."

Interesting words for someone who never knew she would end up an actress. Born in Tondo and raised in Cavite, Adlawan grew up the daughter of a businesswoman and a retired Air Force officer, the middle of three children in a family with no evident artistic inclinations. She wanted to be a nun and later a doctor mainly because of the pristine white uniform, Irma admits with a sheepish grin. But knowing her to be a bit of a rebel, her parents didn't allow her to enter a biology course at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños because she would be too far from their watchful eyes.

She ended up in a communication arts course in Maryknoll, later transferring to UP Diliman and what was then "the easiest course to get into"—speech and drama. That was where Dulaang UP director Tony Mabesa spotted her and cast her as Helena to Dennis Marasigan's Demetrius. The couple was married the year after, even before Adlawan finished her studies. "I was nursing a broken heart, and he grew on me," she recalls. "That was the first and last time we acted together. He's more on the technical side of film and theater, so we don't clash, we actually help each other." Soon after, she was cast in Behn Cervantes' TV series "*Angkan*," and never even had to make a decision about her career path. "I was just doing it and earning from it."

Jokingly considered one of Philippine theater's Royal Couples, Adlawan and Marasigan make their home in Cavite. The marriage works, she says, because "we complement each other. We can talk about anything. The kids immediately know when we're quarreling, because we're silent. I do consult him about my work, but he always says, if you like it, go!"

Getting their due

Adlawan was also a member of the CCP's Tanghalang Pilipino, and worked full-time with the actor's company and her other mentor, Nonon Padilla, until she gave birth to her youngest child six years ago and opted to spend more time at home. Now, she acts for selected projects and teaches acting to aspiring company members, always quick to remind them that one workshop does not an actor make. Like most stage veterans, Adlawan laments the fact that theater practitioners in the Philippines rarely get their due. "People still expect more from theater actors, and they have respect for you. The problem is, some people are also using it. They do one play, and they say they were trained in the theater. It irritates me, because I've paid my dues. When I teach, I tell them, the training does not end there." She also believes a union would benefit the local industry, as the pay scale is still inequitable. "Maybe they think theater people are paid so low, so we'd be agreeable. It's frustrating."

Fortunately, this certified homebody and spa junkie is still happiest "whenever I have done something significant, something that you know was well-thought of and done in a good manner. You feel it. It's not run-of-the-mill. It's an internal measure for me, not just reviews." Consequently, Adlawan doesn't believe in performing simply to amuse or entertain. "I just go on and do it the way I want it to be done. I want the audience to try and reach out to me."

Just as she never planned her career, Adlawan wonders where this film will take her next. "What happens next, now that I am here and I have done this? I still don't know where else I want to bring my career. I just want to go with the tide." We're banking that the tide will be taking this extraordinary actress to a very good place.

Hitting the mainstream: Adlawan now gets recognized in public (right); showing off talent and skin in "*Mga Pusang Gala*" with co-star and good friend Ricky Davao (below)

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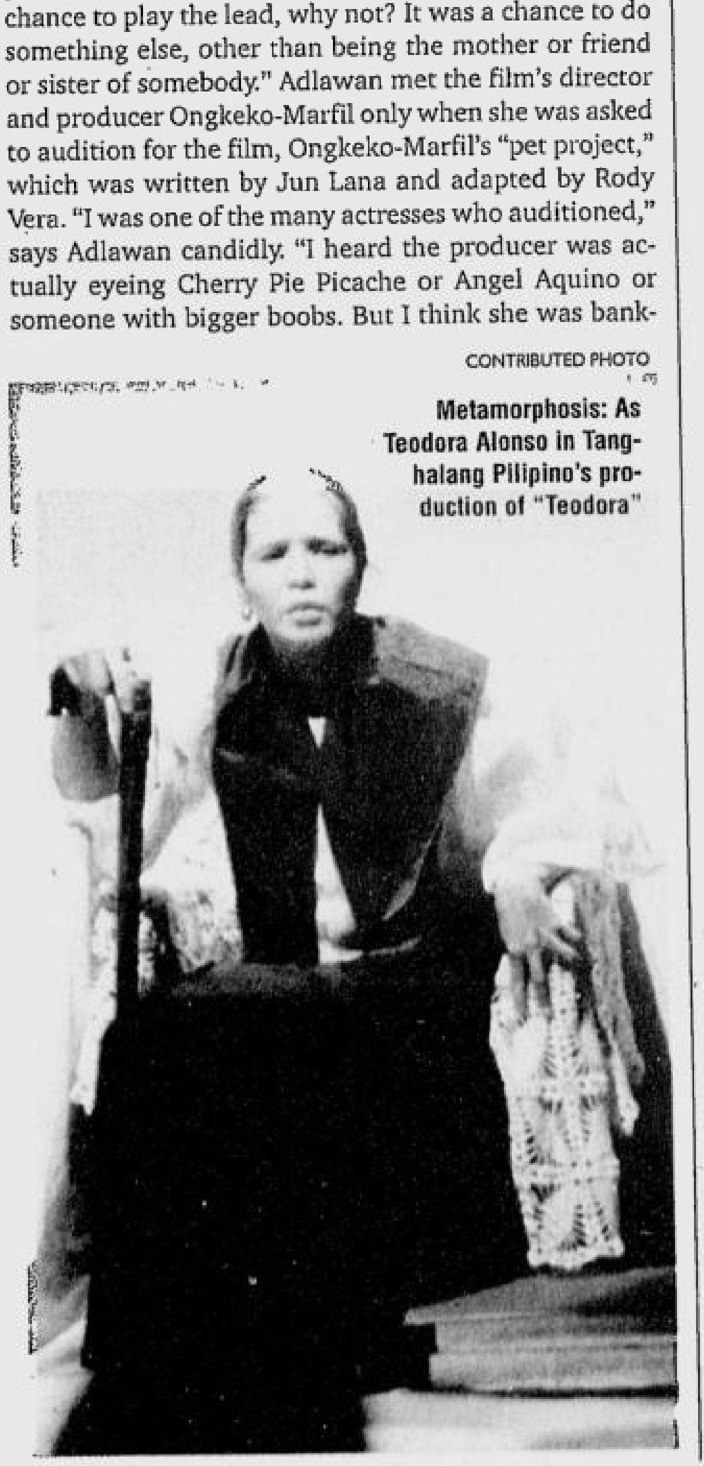

Metamorphosis: As Teodora Alonso in Tanghalang Pilipino's production of "Teodora"